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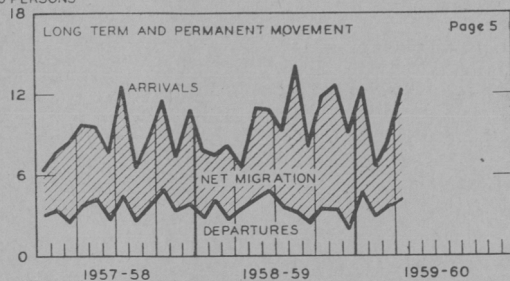
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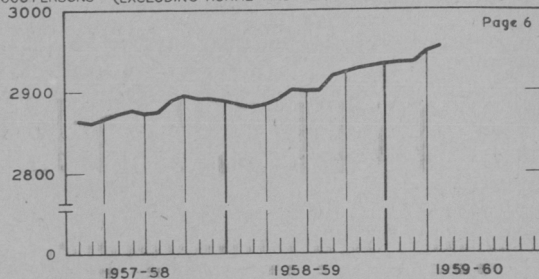
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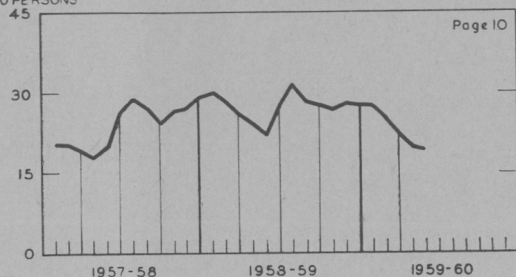
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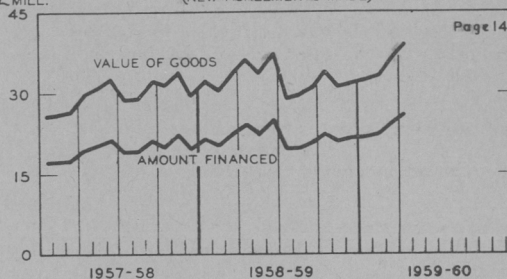
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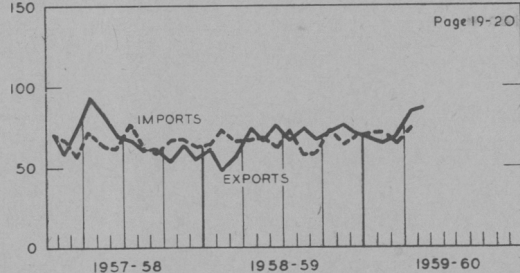
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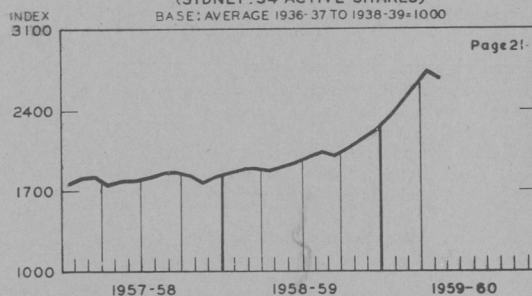
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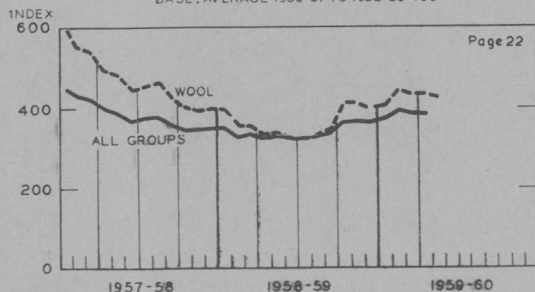
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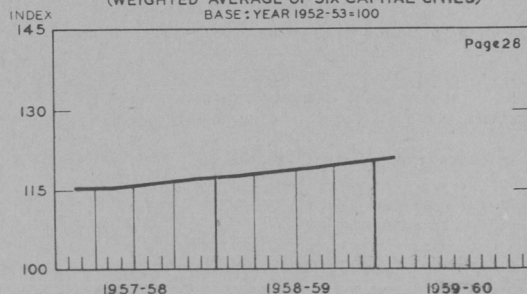
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestics). —End of Month. (a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000)	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f)
	Males.	Females.	Total		Wholesale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1952-53 ..	1,910	679	2,589	2,428	158.1	424.7	42.5	70.7	10,040	(g)16,152
1953-54 ..	1,954	707	2,661	2,553	179.5	459.5	56.5	67.7	12,356	(g)19,219
1954-55 ..	2,018	740	2,758	2,682	205.5	502.2	70.1	63.2	17,892	19,309
1955-56 ..	2,067	769	2,836	2,863	221.3	537.9	68.2	64.2	18,881	18,155
1956-57 ..	2,082	779	2,861	3,015	233.2	562.5	59.7	81.1	17,401	17,364
1957-58 ..	2,089	791	2,880	3,097	246.3	586.0	65.8	r67.5	19,160	18,337
1958-59 ..	2,107	802	2,909	3,191	253.5	610.9	66.2	67.2	21,656	20,421
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
October ..	2,085	787	2,872	3,105	267.4	647.5	71.8	94.2	18,779	17,048
November ..	2,084	796	2,880		265.2		64.2	83.0	17,200	
December ..	2,081	793	2,874		255.8		62.0	70.2	13,469	
January ..	2,087	790	2,877	3,093	211.8	560.1	77.0	66.6	19,659	17,886
February ..	2,093	799	2,892		237.6		62.4	r59.6	17,001	
March ..	2,097	802	2,899		247.7		59.4	60.9	18,273	
April ..	2,098	796	2,894	3,102	239.2	578.9	67.1	52.9	22,059	19,493
May ..	2,098	795	2,893		260.3		66.6	64.3	20,878	
June ..	2,098	792	2,890		244.7		63.2	r54.4	21,404	
1958-59—										
July ..	2,095	793	2,888	3,178	252.1	r584.9	p 63.8	61.4	26,250	21,597
August ..	2,091	793	2,884		246.9		r72.8	r47.2	22,283	
September ..	2,093	794	2,887		265.3		65.5	55.7	22,910	
October ..	2,098	795	2,893	3,207	273.7	673.3	r65.5	74.0	22,187	18,782
November ..	2,106	800	2,906		274.7		67.5	66.2	19,959	
December ..	2,101	802	2,903		275.0		r61.9	75.7	16,506	
January ..	2,103	799	2,902	3,178	205.2	576.4	74.4	66.9	16,015	20,350
February ..	2,114	808	2,922		239.1		r58.5	73.5	20,195	
March ..	2,117	811	2,928		241.4		58.9	66.4	21,351	
April ..	2,121	810	2,931	3,199	264.8	r609.1	r73.1	72.2	23,495	20,958
May ..	2,122	811	2,933		242.8		63.1	r76.7	24,551	
June ..	2,123	811	2,934		261.3		69.3	70.7	24,165	
1959-60—										
July ..	2,123	813	2,936	3,347	r266.4	r620.5	p 70.8	65.8	24,324	21,918
August ..	2,124	814	2,938		r259.9		71.0	r63.9	25,150	
September ..	2,130	820	2,950		271.5		64.0	69.0	26,152	
October ..	2,133	824	2,957				74.5	r84.2	29,320	
November ..							86.9	24,531		

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b) page 8. (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
1957-58 ..	1,697	1,649	254.4	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.0
1958-59 ..	p1,699	p1,761	p266.2	14.2	6.2	15,430	8,622	1,375.8	807.2	636.6
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—			p			(c)				
November	1,831	1,584	241.0	14.6	5.7	15,176	7,510	1,406.6	772.0	608.3
December	1,347	1,530	245.4	14.8	5.4	13,887	8,623	1,431.7	766.3	667.5
January ..	1,233	1,518	264.0	11.1	4.6	13,676	8,469	1,445.7	753.4	512.7
February	1,661	1,468	227.6	13.9	5.5	13,364	7,565	1,443.6	749.6	587.6
March ..	1,670	1,632	260.1	13.7	6.1	15,026	8,154	1,449.6	754.6	609.4
April ..	1,620	1,588	248.7	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	609.4
May ..	1,769	1,766	271.5	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.2
June ..	1,708	1,813	256.6	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.0
1958-59—	p	p								
July ..	2,017	1,968	270.5	13.9	6.1	15,271	8,449	1,331.2	844.9	622.7
August ..	1,837	1,852	267.2	13.6	5.5	15,233	7,661	1,321.5	838.8	558.2
September	1,803	1,775	263.6	14.7	5.9	15,914	8,512	1,324.0	829.8	597.7
October..	1,594	1,774	265.3	16.1	6.5	16,422	9,299	1,352.7	850.9	639.8
November	1,764	1,660	262.7	14.8	6.2	15,087	7,784	1,372.2	824.6	644.4
December	1,349	1,638	269.9	15.9	6.6	15,436	9,714	1,393.4	808.2	706.7
January ..	1,133	1,591	267.6	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	524.4
February	1,660	1,574	244.0	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.2
March ..	1,673	1,688	274.2	13.2	6.1	15,411	8,450	1,431.6	764.3	663.7
April ..	1,701	1,731	265.4	15.1	7.0	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.0
May ..	1,671	1,893	287.4	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	678.3
June ..	1,782	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8	15,204	9,768	1,379.0	791.1	676.8
1959-60—										
July ..	1,887	2,121	290.7	15.7	7.5	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	704.5
August ..	1,791	2,032	285.0	15.6	6.9	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	646.8
September	1,891	1,930	277.0	17.3	7.3	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	712.2
October..	1,842	1,819	306.5	19.1	7.6		9,796	1,431.7	814.6	735.5
November			297.0				9,366	1,457.2	817.2	732.7

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., —, see page 1.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1949-50	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
Quarterly Total—							
1956-57—							
September Qtr. ..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58—							
September	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—							
September	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60—							
September	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1949 ..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386	7,908,066
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,376,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
1959 ..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070	10,061,222
30th Sept.—									
1959 ..	3,774,266	2,830,012	1,444,529	927,341	722,321	342,660	21,342	48,813	10,111,284

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:— 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
 1954-55	 4,107	 4,013	 4,277	 4,220	 10,348	 2,877	 7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59 p	4,999	4,820	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,354	6,371
Monthly Total—							
1956-57—							
June	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
1957-58—							
July	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478
September	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950
October	6,142	3,156	4,926	4,265	9,823	3,659	6,164
November	5,866	3,811	5,135	6,260	9,679	4,154	5,525
December	5,265	5,537	6,790	5,255	7,734	2,821	4,913
January	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59—							
July	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911
August	5,037	4,003	4,337	4,742	7,372	4,193	3,179
September	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January p	6,231	4,397	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,639	5,552
February p	5,033	4,905	6,238	6,021	14,003	3,156	10,847
March p	4,428	5,228	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,564	5,549
April p	4,058	7,270	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,458	8,302
May p	4,185	6,062	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,320	9,256
June p	4,490	4,221	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,920	7,309
1959-60—							
July p	3,761	4,428	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,667	7,747
August p	4,927	4,020	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,905	3,649
September p	5,957	4,543	5,858	5,602	8,454	3,668	4,786
October p	7,396	4,522	6,480	6,513	12,435	4,111	8,324
November p	5,956	3,966	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,496	3,717

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers. (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarrying.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1956—June ..	604.9	1,477.3	2,082.2	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	130.0	212.7	187.3
1957—June ..	609.5	1,475.9	2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June ..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June ..	633.9	1,488.6	2,122.5	49.1	800.7	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
1958—July ..	621.7	1,473.0	2,094.7	51.5	790.3	201.3	311.5	132.5	215.2	196.2
August ..	620.6	1,470.7	2,091.3	51.5	788.6	200.1	310.4	132.2	216.2	196.2
September..	620.7	1,472.0	2,092.7	50.9	789.4	199.4	310.1	132.8	217.4	196.7
October ..	621.5	1,476.1	2,097.6	50.9	791.7	200.7	309.9	133.2	217.9	197.1
1959—July ..	633.4	1,489.7	2,123.1	48.9	802.6	204.4	313.0	133.6	220.5	202.0
August ..	632.6	1,491.1	2,123.7	48.9	803.9	202.8	312.1	134.1	221.0	202.6
September..	631.6	1,498.6	2,130.2	49.0	807.7	203.0	311.5	134.3	223.2	203.2
October ..	630.0	1,503.4	2,133.4	49.0	808.9	203.4	310.8	134.8	224.6	203.8
FEMALES.										
1956—June ..	129.8	643.6	773.4	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	123.0	88.1	236.6
1957—June ..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June ..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
1959—June ..	143.9	667.6	811.5	1.1	247.4	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
1958—July ..	137.7	655.4	793.1	1.1	243.2	5.5	39.8	125.5	92.2	247.5
August ..	137.5	655.5	793.0	1.1	243.2	5.5	39.9	124.9	92.2	248.0
September..	137.6	656.5	794.1	1.1	243.5	5.5	39.9	125.4	92.2	248.4
October ..	137.6	657.8	795.4	1.1	243.3	5.5	39.8	126.4	92.2	249.1
1959—July ..	144.5	668.7	813.2	1.1	247.7	5.7	40.2	126.4	95.2	257.6
August ..	144.2	669.6	813.8	1.1	249.4	5.7	40.4	126.3	95.0	256.6
September..	144.2	675.2	819.4	1.1	252.4	5.7	40.4	127.2	95.5	258.0
October ..	144.3	679.4	823.7	1.1	254.5	5.7	40.6	128.5	95.8	258.5
PERSONS.										
1956—June ..	734.7	2,120.9	2,855.6	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	423.9
1957—June ..	742.3	2,123.3	2,865.6	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June ..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
1959—June ..	777.8	2,156.2	2,934.0	50.2	1,048.1	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
1958—July ..	759.4	2,128.4	2,887.8	52.6	1,033.5	206.8	351.3	258.0	307.4	443.7
August ..	758.1	2,126.2	2,884.3	52.6	1,031.8	205.6	350.3	257.1	308.4	444.2
September..	758.3	2,128.5	2,886.8	52.0	1,032.9	204.9	350.0	258.2	309.6	445.1
October ..	759.1	2,133.9	2,893.0	52.0	1,035.0	206.2	349.7	259.6	310.1	446.2
1959—July ..	777.9	2,158.4	2,936.3	50.0	1,050.3	210.1	353.2	260.0	315.7	459.6
August ..	776.8	2,160.7	2,937.5	50.0	1,053.3	208.5	352.5	260.4	316.0	459.2
September..	775.8	2,173.8	2,949.6	50.1	1,060.1	208.7	351.9	261.5	318.7	461.2
October ..	774.3	2,182.8	2,957.1	50.1	1,063.4	209.1	351.4	263.3	320.4	462.3

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.
 (b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.
 (c) See note (b), page 8.
 (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1956—June ..	808.3	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.2	9.0	2,082.2
1957—June ..	810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June ..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June ..	819.2	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	5.8	11.8	2,122.5
1958—June ..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
July ..	812.4	591.6	283.3	185.8	138.1	66.7	5.5	11.3	2,094.7
August ..	811.0	590.3	282.5	185.7	138.3	66.3	5.6	11.6	2,091.3
September..	810.3	591.3	282.8	186.1	138.8	66.1	5.7	11.6	2,092.7
October ..	813.0	592.3	283.1	186.5	139.2	66.1	5.8	11.6	2,097.6
1959—June ..	819.2	601.6	286.5	191.1	139.5	67.0	5.8	11.8	2,122.5
July ..	818.8	601.8	287.1	191.4	139.6	66.8	5.9	11.7	2,123.1
August ..	819.3	602.0	286.8	191.7	139.4	66.8	5.8	11.9	2,123.7
September..	823.0	603.7	285.9	192.5	140.2	66.9	5.9	12.1	2,130.2
October ..	824.0	605.2	285.8	192.5	140.5	67.4	5.9	12.1	2,133.4
FEMALES.									
1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.2	3.3	773.4
1957—June ..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.7	780.2
1958—June ..	314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June ..	320.3	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	1.4	4.3	811.5
* 1958—June ..	314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
July ..	314.9	244.5	96.3	63.4	45.6	23.1	1.4	3.9	793.1
August ..	314.6	244.3	97.2	63.3	45.9	22.5	1.3	3.9	793.0
September..	315.1	244.9	96.7	63.6	46.2	22.2	1.4	4.0	794.1
October ..	315.6	245.6	96.6	63.8	46.2	22.2	1.4	4.0	795.4
1959—June ..	320.3	251.9	98.0	65.5	46.8	23.3	1.4	4.3	811.5
July ..	321.4	252.2	98.5	65.6	46.8	22.9	1.4	4.4	813.2
August ..	321.4	252.5	98.9	65.8	46.7	22.7	1.4	4.4	813.8
September..	324.0	254.2	99.2	66.4	47.1	22.6	1.4	4.5	819.4
October ..	326.1	255.7	98.9	66.8	47.4	22.8	1.4	4.6	823.7
PERSONS.									
1956—June ..	1,114.2	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.4	12.3	2,855.6
1957—June ..	1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	13.7	2,865.6
1958—June ..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June ..	1,139.5	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	7.2	16.1	2,934.0
1958—June ..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
July ..	1,127.3	836.1	379.6	249.2	183.7	89.8	6.9	15.2	2,887.8
August ..	1,125.6	834.6	379.7	249.0	184.2	88.8	6.9	15.5	2,884.3
September..	1,125.4	836.2	379.5	249.7	185.0	88.3	7.1	15.6	2,886.8
October ..	1,128.6	837.9	379.7	250.3	185.4	88.3	7.2	15.6	2,893.0
1959—June ..	1,139.5	853.5	384.5	256.6	186.3	90.3	7.2	16.1	2,934.0
July ..	1,140.2	854.0	385.6	257.0	186.4	89.7	7.3	16.1	2,936.3
August ..	1,140.7	854.5	385.7	257.5	186.1	89.5	7.2	16.3	2,937.5
September..	1,147.0	857.9	385.1	258.9	187.3	89.5	7.3	16.6	2,949.6
October ..	1,150.1	860.9	384.7	259.3	187.9	90.2	7.3	16.7	2,957.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly Figures—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1958-59 ..	432.4	345.7	98.5	89.7	44.8	26.7	793.1	244.7	1,037.8	1,974	1,362
At end of Month—											
1957-58—											
October ..	428.6	342.9	98.6	89.4	46.0	26.0	785.2	246.3	1,031.5	1,962	1,389
November ..	431.2	344.7	96.2	89.3	46.1	26.1	785.8	247.8	1,033.6	1,966	1,388
December ..	428.1	343.3	91.8	89.4	45.8	27.3	781.1	244.6	1,025.7	1,951	1,375
January ..	428.0	346.7	93.0	90.6	45.7	27.9	786.5	245.4	1,031.9	1,963	1,381
February ..	431.5	351.1	95.1	90.5	46.2	27.4	790.8	251.0	1,041.8	1,981	1,391
March ..	432.9	352.3	96.5	90.9	46.3	27.2	793.3	252.8	1,046.1	1,990	1,395
April ..	432.6	347.3	95.9	89.8	46.0	27.5	791.6	247.5	1,039.1	1,976	1,383
May ..	432.4	345.1	97.6	89.0	45.7	27.4	791.4	245.8	1,037.2	1,973	1,379
June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1	1,969	1,374
1958-59—											
July ..	431.4	341.6	100.1	88.8	44.7	26.9	790.3	243.2	1,033.5	1,966	1,369
August ..	431.1	341.0	100.5	88.6	44.6	26.2	788.6	243.2	1,031.8	1,963	1,365
September ..	431.3	342.3	100.1	88.8	44.6	25.8	789.4	243.5	1,032.9	1,965	1,364
October ..	431.6	343.4	100.3	89.2	44.7	25.8	791.7	243.3	1,035.0	1,969	1,365
November ..	432.3	344.7	100.2	89.1	44.9	26.0	793.8	243.4	1,037.2	1,973	1,364
December ..	429.9	343.8	94.1	89.0	44.8	27.1	787.0	241.7	1,028.7	1,956	1,350
January ..	429.9	344.6	94.4	90.2	44.6	27.5	788.9	242.3	1,031.2	1,961	1,351
February ..	432.1	349.4	98.0	90.0	44.7	26.8	793.8	247.2	1,041.0	1,980	1,362
March ..	433.1	350.8	97.7	90.7	44.9	27.0	796.3	247.9	1,044.2	1,986	1,363
April ..	433.6	349.5	98.6	90.4	44.9	27.4	797.9	246.5	1,044.4	1,986	1,360
May ..	435.4	348.5	98.8	90.4	45.0	27.4	799.2	246.3	1,045.5	1,989	1,360
June ..	437.0	349.0	99.7	90.9	44.6	26.9	800.7	247.4	1,048.1	1,994	1,361
1959-60—											
July ..	438.1	348.8	101.1	91.2	44.6	26.5	802.6	247.7	1,050.3	1,998	1,362
August ..	439.1	350.5	100.9	91.6	44.8	26.4	803.9	249.4	1,053.3	2,003	1,364
September ..	442.9	353.1	100.0	92.4	45.3	26.4	807.7	252.4	1,060.1	2,016	1,370
October ..	444.7	355.4	98.8	92.7	45.4	26.4	808.9	254.5	1,063.4	2,023	1,372

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1958, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1958, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Average of Monthly Figures—										
1952-53.. ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6	
1953-54.. ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2	
1954-55.. ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	120.0	249.7	
1955-56.. ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.6	124.3	254.9	
1956-57.. ..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.1	123.0	253.1	
1957-58.. ..	98.8	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.4	125.2	257.6	
1958-59.. ..	99.3	74.3	32.5	25.0	20.9	7.6	134.0	127.1	261.1	
At end of Month—										
1957-58—										
October ..	98.2	71.5	32.5	24.4	19.6	7.6	131.0	124.1	255.1	
November ..	102.9	73.8	33.4	25.2	20.1	7.8	134.2	130.1	264.3	
December ..	104.1	75.5	33.1	25.1	20.6	8.1	136.5	131.4	267.9	
January ..	99.3	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.3	125.7	259.0	
February ..	99.1	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.4	124.8	258.2	
March ..	98.4	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.6	124.4	257.0	
April ..	98.2	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.5	124.6	257.1	
May ..	99.3	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.2	126.0	259.2	
June ..	98.5	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.7	125.6	258.3	
1958-59—										
July ..	98.7	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.5	125.5	258.0	
August ..	98.0	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.2	124.9	257.1	
September ..	98.2	73.6	32.3	24.6	20.6	7.5	132.8	125.4	258.2	
October ..	98.9	74.0	32.3	24.8	20.6	7.5	133.2	126.4	259.6	
November ..	102.4	75.6	33.0	25.4	21.1	7.6	135.8	130.7	266.5	
December ..	106.0	76.5	33.4	25.8	21.7	7.9	139.1	133.5	272.6	
January ..	98.6	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	134.1	127.0	261.1	
February ..	98.0	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.9	126.0	259.9	
March ..	97.7	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.3	125.9	259.2	
April ..	97.9	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	133.1	126.1	259.2	
May ..	99.0	74.2	32.9	25.1	21.1	7.7	133.9	127.6	261.5	
June ..	98.4	74.0	32.5	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.5	260.1	
1959-60—										
July ..	98.4	74.0	32.6	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.4	260.0	
August ..	98.5	73.9	32.7	25.0	21.1	7.7	134.1	126.3	260.4	
September ..	98.8	74.3	32.8	25.2	21.2	7.7	134.3	127.2	261.5	
October ..	99.1	74.7	33.1	25.5	21.6	7.8	134.8	128.5	263.3	

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.	
											Ordinary.	Migrant. <i>b</i>
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.		Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—												
1949–50(c) ..	<i>d</i> 8,327	123	1,371	(<i>e</i>) 241	155	30	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	10,247	7,585	897	(<i>h</i>)
1950–51(c) ..	<i>d</i> 287	71	326	(<i>e</i>) 6	59	14	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	763	7,059	863	(<i>h</i>)
1951–52 ..	<i>d</i> 949	220	1,374	(<i>e</i>) 24	64	16	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	2,647	6,454	993	(<i>h</i>)
1952–53 ..	<i>d</i> 17,590	6,168	4,281	(<i>e</i>) 842	841	262	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	29,984	7,140	1,408	(<i>i</i>) 415
1953–54 ..	<i>d</i> 6,495	2,698	3,169	(<i>e</i>) 252	406	212	(<i>f</i>)	(<i>g</i>)	12,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954–55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955–56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956–57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957–58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958–59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	5	40	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
Last Saturday of Month—												
1957–58—												
November ..	7,005	4,390	4,450	1,418	1,865	594	2	24	19,748	7,343	2,097	626
December ..	8,900	4,695	7,801	1,568	2,393	591	2	55	26,005	6,815	2,150	501
January ..	9,835	4,974	9,357	1,518	2,596	434	4	37	28,755	6,858	2,168	821
February ..	9,575	4,085	9,431	1,425	2,257	326	19	45	27,163	7,464	2,180	335
March ..	8,673	4,135	7,814	1,521	2,018	243	33	48	24,485	7,299	2,153	378
April ..	9,533	5,006	7,831	1,873	2,214	296	23	35	26,811	7,381	2,191	322
May ..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216	162
June ..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149	75
1958–59—												
July ..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093	220
August ..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091	256
September ..	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040	745
October ..	10,267	5,656	2,874	1,706	2,709	789	1	35	24,037	8,651	2,071	142
November ..	9,827	4,916	3,031	1,505	2,354	635	2	32	22,302	8,695	2,112	203
December ..	11,819	5,436	5,460	1,703	2,501	580	4	62	27,565	7,888	2,034	690
January ..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157	539
February ..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235	426
March ..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157	519
April ..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214	390
May ..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	4	42	27,924	8,450	2,293	872
June ..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528	8,473	2,164	553
1959–60—												
July ..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	5	45	27,442	8,786	2,244	479
August ..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	4	39	24,887	9,069	2,187	470
September ..	9,232	5,281	2,902	1,226	2,670	816	6	30	22,163	9,223	2,268	199
October ..	7,832	4,302	3,121	1,158	2,436	714	5	30	19,598	8,977	2,241	624
November ..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	5	21	19,037	8,990	2,245	131

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII, of the *Social Services Act 1947-1958*. (d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes the Northern Territory. (f) Included with South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales. (h) Not available. (i) Eight months only.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants. (b)	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—								
1949-50.. ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51.. ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52.. ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952-53.. ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953-54.. ..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954-55.. ..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955-56.. ..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956-57.. ..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
1957-58.. ..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	13,275	32,868	610,895
1958-59.. ..	9,619	2,466	12,085	496,623	183,044	6,395	34,963	721,025
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
November(c) ..	9,264	1,814	11,078	365,919	191,174	10,652	38,818	606,563
December ..	12,152	1,433	13,585	379,388	149,356	14,050	31,159	573,953
January ..	11,983	1,536	13,519	563,367	159,991	13,039	36,880	773,277
February ..	10,562	2,300	12,862	585,502	161,223	17,866	36,313	800,904
March(c) ..	10,629	2,661	13,290	479,702	179,936	5,594	39,326	704,558
April ..	9,264	2,508	11,772	450,781	167,238	7,175	37,634	662,828
May ..	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	6,289	43,205	753,276
June ..	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	3,198	35,493	664,549
1958-59—								
July ..	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	5,085	32,698	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	r564,035	206,765	r5,513	37,461	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	2,282	34,092	698,896
October ..	6,531	1,714	8,245	482,293	192,288	4,731	34,680	713,992
November(c) ..	7,786	2,323	10,109	r431,353	195,064	r1,611	34,838	662,916
December ..	10,291	1,906	12,197	r393,651	156,186	r5,979	31,778	587,594
January(c) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	r605,009	171,145	r12,245	29,778	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	9,395	37,133	788,307
March ..	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	5,915	34,235	686,996
April ..	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	5,911	40,303	749,339
May(c) ..	10,863	3,416	14,279	492,654	196,075	6,511	37,562	732,802
June ..	8,880	2,492	11,372	470,654	183,081	11,647	35,002	700,384
1959-60—								
July ..	8,467	2,605	11,072	535,299	220,331	9,177	42,890	807,697
August(c) ..	8,942	2,697	11,639	442,688	184,902	12,854	34,048	674,492
September ..	6,145	1,814	7,959	419,221	202,451	2,802	39,707	664,181
October(c) ..	5,974	2,038	8,012	385,693	195,201	2,678	35,905	619,477
November ..	5,776	1,549	7,325	338,603	188,423	Cr. 856	38,135	564,305

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.
 (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware.(c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	News-papers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
Quarterly														
Average—														
1949-50(g) ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0		16.6	10.9	13.6		51.1		276.4	68.3
1950-51(g) ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1		22.8	16.2	19.2		63.1		342.7	95.5
1951-52(g) ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9		27.4	19.4	19.0		76.9		404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 | 12.2		28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7 | 13.3 | 52.7			424.7	104.8
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2	84.1			459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		34.0	24.8	21.6	92.1			502.2	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.1	26.2	23.0	99.6			537.9	153.4
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.9		36.3	28.4	23.1	19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4			562.5	158.1
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.6	34.6	24.4	109.7			586.0	171.4
1958-59—p ..	94.1	44.4	78.1	61.2	100.8 | 16.2		39.8	39.1	24.8	23.6 | 18.7 | 70.1			610.9	183.7
Quarterly Total—														
1955-56—														
Dec. Qtr...	84.5	39.4	70.0	59.3	124.3		39.8	32.6	25.6	116.5			592.0	159.9
Mar. „ ..	81.8	39.2	69.1	57.7	92.2		33.7	24.2	20.5	93.2			511.6	147.0
June „ ..	82.5	41.7	66.4	55.3	114.6		35.5	23.2	22.4	96.3			537.9	149.6
1956-57—														
Sept. „ ..	85.6	42.8	69.2	54.0	102.1		35.3	24.7	23.3	100.1			537.1	154.4
Dec. „ ..	89.9	43.0	73.6	64.9	128.0		40.3	34.2	26.1	120.6			620.6	164.0
Mar. „ ..	82.7	41.9	70.3	61.3	94.9		34.2	26.5	20.9	100.5			533.2	152.2
June „ ..	85.7	42.7	69.6	57.5	115.2		35.3	28.1	22.3	102.7			559.1	161.9
1957-58—														
Sept. „ ..	86.9	43.6	69.9	57.3	106.1		35.7	30.0	24.2	103.7			557.4	164.7
Dec. „ ..	92.6	42.0	77.4	69.1	132.3		41.2	39.2	27.4	126.3			647.5	180.1
Mar. „ ..	88.2	41.9	74.7	63.6	94.9		34.8	35.2	22.4	104.4			560.1	167.4
June „ ..	90.6	43.3	72.5	58.2	117.7		34.5	33.9	23.6	104.6			578.9	173.6
1958-59—p														
Sept. „ ..	91.6	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.5 | 15.1		38.1	38.8	24.8	22.3 | 17.2 | 67.8			584.9	179.2
Dec. „ ..	98.9	44.4	81.4	67.2	117.3 | 18.7		45.3	45.3	27.8	25.5 | 21.3 | 80.2			673.3	193.4
Mar. „ ..	92.0	43.2	81.5	64.1	82.5 | 14.0		37.0	35.4	21.8	22.4 | 18.3 | 64.2			576.4	174.8
June „ ..	94.1	46.3	75.7	57.6	108.0 | 16.9		38.8	36.8	24.6	24.4 | 17.8 | 68.1			609.1	187.2
1959-60—p ..														
Sept. „ ..	96.8	47.2	78.9	58.7	101.0 | 16.7		39.9	42.9	27.1	24.1 | 18.3 | 68.9			620.5	198.9

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc. (g) Figures shown for these periods are broadly comparable with those for later periods.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	25,482	17,747	696	10,493	412	59
1956-57	26,421	18,751	710	11,406	432	61
1957-58	29,849	21,484	720	13,120	440	61
1958-59	32,921	23,758	722	14,743	448	62
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
November	33,289	24,206	727	15,092	453	62
December	36,434	27,110	744	16,924	465	62
January	29,885	20,672	692	12,977	434	63
February	29,410	21,079	717	13,004	442	62
March	31,132	22,760	731	14,110	453	62
April	34,574	25,722	744	15,944	461	62
May	31,756	23,241	732	14,446	455	62
June	33,385	23,991	719	15,204	455	63
1959-60—						
July	34,442	24,612	715	15,547	451	63
August	35,170	25,396	722	16,078	457	63
September	38,241	28,017	733	17,639	461	63
October p	39,740	29,699	747	18,770	472	63
November p	38,589	29,790	772	18,928	491	64
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	1,583	991	626	615	389	62
1956-57	1,798	1,222	680	763	424	62
1957-58	1,870	1,327	710	849	454	64
1958-59	2,584	1,822	705	1,168	452	64
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
November	3,081	2,527	820	1,608	522	64
December	3,142	2,467	785	1,600	509	65
January	2,239	1,294	578	830	371	64
February	2,473	1,788	723	1,082	438	61
March	2,593	1,813	699	1,161	448	64
April	2,849	1,950	684	1,237	434	63
May	2,595	1,698	654	1,105	426	65
June	2,507	1,651	659	1,078	430	65
1959-60—						
July	2,633	1,606	610	1,013	385	63
August	2,399	1,632	680	1,075	448	66
September	2,578	1,897	736	1,257	488	66
October p	3,198	2,435	761	1,588	497	65
November p	3,498	2,913	833	1,845	527	63

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	56,292	4,322	77	3,509	62	81
1956-57	56,473	4,444	79	3,565	63	80
1957-58	67,946	6,977	103	5,648	83	81
1958-59	69,616	6,951	100	5,708	82	82
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
November	70,517	7,029	100	5,763	82	82
December	86,176	7,862	91	6,495	75	83
January	73,166	6,961	95	5,678	78	82
February	66,875	6,601	99	5,452	82	83
March	64,575	6,235	97	5,129	79	82
April	65,823	6,568	100	5,411	82	82
May	63,069	6,358	101	5,276	84	83
June	64,812	6,288	97	5,170	80	82
1959-60—						
July	62,751	6,312	101	5,217	83	83
August	62,172	6,194	100	5,078	82	82
September	69,402	6,966	100	5,737	83	82
October p	71,198	7,044	99	5,829	82	83
November p	75,944	7,495	99	6,187	81	83
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	83,357	23,060	277	14,617	175	63
1956-57	84,692	24,417	288	15,734	186	64
1957-58	99,665	29,788	299	19,617	197	66
1958-59	105,121	32,531	309	21,619	206	66
Monthly Total—						
1958-59—						
November	106,887	33,762	316	22,463	210	67
December	125,752	37,439	298	25,019	199	67
January	105,290	28,927	275	19,485	185	67
February	98,758	29,468	298	19,538	198	66
March	98,300	30,808	313	20,400	208	66
April	103,246	34,240	332	22,592	219	66
May	97,420	31,297	321	20,827	214	67
June	100,704	31,930	317	21,452	213	67
1959-60—						
July	99,826	32,530	326	21,777	218	67
August	99,741	33,222	333	22,231	223	67
September	110,221	36,880	335	24,633	223	67
October p	114,136	39,178	343	26,187	229	67
November p	118,031	40,198	341	26,960	228	67

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954—							
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
1956—							
31st March ..	78,641	55,500	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,875
30th June ..	78,897	56,533	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,865
30th September ..	80,635	58,345	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,487
31st December ..	83,628	61,640	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,033	231,018
1957—							
31st January ..	83,778	61,975	36,365	25,126	15,783	8,998	232,025
28th February ..	83,574	62,208	36,484	25,237	15,416	8,988	231,907
31st March ..	83,586	62,379	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,049	232,179
30th April ..	83,880	62,782	36,796	25,164	15,448	8,994	233,064
31st May ..	84,267	63,524	36,910	25,306	15,519	9,034	234,560
30th June ..	85,146	64,445	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,023	236,385
31st July ..	85,840	65,495	37,062	25,369	15,558	9,008	238,332
31st August ..	86,696	66,856	37,482	25,553	15,760	8,998	241,345
30th September ..	88,440	67,831	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,985	245,000
31st October ..	90,311	69,486	38,332	26,191	16,398	9,028	249,746
30th November ..	92,820	71,636	39,274	26,727	16,900	9,219	256,576
31st December ..	96,187	74,557	40,286	27,454	17,470	9,457	265,411
1958—							
31st January ..	98,066	76,403	40,641	27,808	17,807	9,600	270,325
28th February ..	100,097	78,365	40,943	27,921	17,779	9,655	274,760
31st March ..	102,871	79,582	41,266	27,898	18,155	9,798	279,570
30th April ..	105,528	81,881	41,552	28,329	18,534	9,918	285,742
31st May ..	109,199	84,079	42,111	28,628	18,859	9,929	292,805
30th June ..	111,320	85,020	42,483	28,761	19,052	9,932	296,568
31st July ..	113,952	86,524	42,903	28,936	19,160	9,924	301,399
31st August ..	116,680	87,797	43,420	29,172	19,363	9,986	306,418
30th September ..	119,858	89,915	44,361	29,719	19,605	10,109	313,567
31st October ..	123,141	91,914	45,474	30,328	20,107	10,234	321,198
30th November ..	126,513	94,219	46,303	30,965	20,708	10,332	329,040
31st December ..	130,332	96,558	47,472	31,867	21,201	10,665	338,095
1959—							
31st January ..	131,721	97,257	47,683	32,180	21,308	10,637	340,786
28th February ..	133,032	97,731	47,936	32,332	20,570	10,627	342,228
31st March ..	134,453	98,247	48,240	32,143	20,526	10,609	344,218
30th April ..	137,215	99,225	48,571	32,277	20,699	10,613	348,600
31st May ..	139,094	99,959	48,871	32,587	20,818	10,546	351,875
30th June ..	140,950	100,359	48,936	32,862	20,779	10,546	354,432
31st July ..	142,931	100,402	49,501	33,380	20,878	10,673	357,765
31st August ..	r144,885	101,641	49,974	33,612	21,107	10,761	r361,980
30th September ..	r147,546	103,660	50,764	34,346	21,407	10,819	r368,542
31st October p ..	150,614	106,182	51,801	35,105	21,944	10,861	376,507
30th November p ..	153,226	108,998	52,740	36,093	22,896	11,077	385,030

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbols p, r see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.1	94.9	141.0
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.3	111.8	158.1
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.3	122.2	179.5
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8	175.5	246.3
1958-59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74.2	179.3	253.5

Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.								Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
8½%	12½%	16⅔%	25%	30%						
1958-59—										
September	15.0	33.9	10.0	7.8	12.7	79.4	185.9	265.3
October	16.2	36.6	10.5	7.8	12.9	84.0	189.7	273.7
November	16.8	36.0	9.9	7.6	12.1	82.4	192.3	274.7
December	18.3	38.8	9.6	8.8	11.4	86.9	188.1	275.0
January	10.6	28.4	7.9	4.9	8.3	60.1	145.1	205.2
February	13.3	30.4	9.2	5.8	10.8	69.5	169.6	239.1
March	13.1	30.7	9.3	6.1	11.4	70.6	170.8	241.4
April	13.8	31.8	10.4	6.6	12.1	74.7	190.1	264.8
May	13.0	28.8	9.8	6.8	10.8	69.2	173.6	242.8
June	12.8	29.0	10.1	6.6	11.2	69.7	191.6	261.3
1959-60—										
July	r14.1	r32.4	10.1	r7.8	12.0	r76.4	r190.0	r266.4
August(a)	14.5	r32.4	r9.8	r8.5	13.0	r78.2	r181.7	r259.9
September(a)	15.6	36.9	11.0	8.8	14.2	86.5	185.0	271.5

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants. (d)		Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)		Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.	Manufacturing.		Total (c)											
			Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i>	Other (c)												
			Class Ia.	Class Ib.			Class Ic (5).	Class Ic (1-4).	CLASS I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.				
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	(f)	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.1
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)	14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071	1.6
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 p ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
Monthly Total—																
1957-58—																
October ..	2,077	2.9	529	0.7	5,130	7.1	30,236	42.2	37,972	52.9	2,423	3.4	3,265	4.5	725	1.2
November ..	2,086	3.2	463	0.7	5,900	9.2	25,207	39.4	33,656	52.5	2,152	3.4	2,176	3.4	625	1.0
December ..	1,642	2.6	535	0.9	4,294	7.0	24,679	39.7	31,150	50.2	1,642	2.7	1,912	3.1	675	1.1
January ..	2,298	3.0	661	0.9	5,702	7.4	32,307	42.0	40,968	53.3	2,205	2.9	2,472	3.2	258	0.3
February ..	2,116	3.4	981	1.5	4,944	7.9	25,360	40.8	33,401	53.6	2,251	3.6	1,879	3.0	429	0.7
March ..	2,043	3.4	909	1.5	3,111	5.2	24,118	40.7	30,181	50.8	1,598	2.7	1,792	3.0	672	1.1
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3	29,693	44.3	36,408	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9	25,229	38.0	33,897	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4	26,210	41.5	34,198	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0
1958-59—																
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3	26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8	28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	836	1.1
September ..	2,281	3.5	519	0.8	4,816	7.3	26,132	39.9	33,748	51.5	2,358	3.6	1,820	2.8	898	1.4
October ..	1,676	2.5	822	1.3	5,159	7.9	25,655	39.1	33,312	50.8	2,820	4.3	2,626	4.0	1,059	1.6
November ..	1,763	2.5	729	1.1	5,820	8.7	27,836	41.4	36,148	53.7	2,400	3.6	2,897	4.3	579	0.9
December ..	2,277	3.7	620	1.0	4,616	7.5	26,321	42.4	33,834	54.6	1,814	2.9	2,691	4.3	467	0.8
January ..	2,108	2.8	519	0.7	4,924	6.6	33,314	44.8	40,865	54.9	2,873	3.9	2,612	3.5	499	0.6
February ..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7	23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	4.4	1,664	2.8	781	1.3
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7	22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	3.7	1,750	3.0	709	1.2
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3	26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	2.8	1,863	3.0	641	1.0
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5	27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	3.0	2,151	3.1	436	0.6
1959-60 p—																
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4	28,312	40.0	36,413	51.5	2,689	3.8	2,318	3.3	1,392	2.0
August ..	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4	26,742	37.7	35,542	50.1	3,082	4.3	2,292	3.2	586	0.8
September ..	2,049	3.2	531	0.8	5,032	7.9	26,975	42.1	34,587	54.0	1,197	1.9	2,288	3.6	379	0.6
October ..	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.7	30,858	41.4	38,638	51.9	2,221	3.0	2,890	3.9	392	0.5

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI, E-J and III, respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4	4,751	11.2
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9	9,840	17.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b)1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	18.0
1958-59 p..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
Monthly Total—														
1957-58—														
October..	11,482	16.0	1,045	1.5	1,575	2.0	3,397	4.7	366	0.5	9,570	13.3	13,333	18.5
November	11,459	17.8	987	1.5	1,301	2.0	2,858	4.4	326	0.5	8,650	13.5	11,834	18.4
December	12,302	19.8	884	1.4	2,223	3.5	2,589	4.2	412	0.7	8,237	13.3	11,238	18.2
January ..	14,701	19.0	1,097	1.4	2,053	2.7	2,773	3.6	646	0.8	9,865	12.8	13,284	17.2
February	11,226	18.0	973	1.6	767	1.1	2,892	4.6	545	0.9	8,025	12.9	11,462	18.4
March ..	12,307	20.7	998	1.7	810	1.4	2,170	3.6	601	1.0	8,297	14.0	11,068	18.6
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3	12,415	18.5
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1	12,788	19.2
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8	11,587	18.3
1958-59—														
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	r7,895	12.4	r11,112	17.5
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	514	0.7	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	r10,510	14.6	r14,462	20.0
September	11,821	18.0	991	1.5	920	1.4	2,931	4.5	399	0.6	r9,651	14.7	r12,981	19.8
October..	11,083	16.9	1,156	1.7	1,624	2.5	2,635	4.1	312	0.5	r8,847	13.7	r11,794	18.2
November	12,004	17.8	870	1.3	624	0.9	2,626	3.9	301	0.4	r9,073	13.2	r12,000	17.5
December	10,879	17.6	966	1.6	832	1.3	2,291	3.7	361	0.6	r7,771	12.6	r10,423	16.9
January ..	12,507	16.8	1,087	1.5	1,220	1.6	2,916	3.9	510	0.7	r9,305	12.6	r12,731	17.2
February	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	r7,405	12.8	r10,568	18.2
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	r7,403	12.6	r10,390	17.7
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	r9,623	13.0	r12,292	16.7
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	r7,850	12.5	r10,862	17.3
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	r8,929	12.8	r11,799	17.0
1959-60 p—														
July ..	12,248	17.3	769	1.1	2,920	4.1	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	9,065	12.8	12,004	16.9
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.1	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	9,195	12.9	12,623	17.8
September	11,072	17.3	778	1.2	1,524	2.4	2,976	4.6	372	0.6	8,861	13.8	12,209	19.0
October ..	12,168	16.3	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.3	10,041	13.5	13,883	18.6

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class 1c.

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IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 p ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
October ..	12,669	6,351	18,952	796	1,923	10,614	13,465	12,009	46,346	71,820
November ..	10,565	5,209	17,882	741	1,598	9,495	11,306	10,215	42,669	64,190
December ..	10,981	4,187	15,982	437	1,478	9,323	11,418	8,417	42,191	62,026
January ..	14,358	5,922	20,688	818	1,153	11,313	15,176	10,698	51,164	77,038
February ..	12,281	5,013	16,107	567	1,824	9,071	12,848	10,264	39,276	62,388
March ..	10,312	5,433	14,436	675	875	9,518	10,987	8,947	39,492	59,426
April ..	14,729	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,415	9,630	42,093	67,138
May ..	10,819	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,492	10,869	44,216	66,577
June ..	10,957	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,382	9,281	42,570	63,233
1958-59—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	r8,853	13,743	9,224	r40,838	r63,805
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	r11,652	10,413	11,762	r50,672	r72,847
September ..	10,969	4,947	17,832	534	1,922	r10,525	11,503	10,499	r43,535	r65,537
October ..	10,253	5,495	17,564	622	1,290	r9,882	10,875	10,702	r43,897	r65,474
November ..	12,642	4,585	18,921	537	1,517	r9,946	13,179	9,776	r44,567	r67,522
December ..	12,808	4,498	16,528	499	1,151	r8,773	13,307	8,641	r39,958	r61,906
January ..	15,987	5,495	19,383	581	1,623	r10,527	16,568	11,299	r46,527	r74,394
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	r8,495	11,152	9,063	r38,329	r58,544
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	r8,222	9,710	8,694	r40,460	r58,864
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	r10,623	10,578	10,644	r51,860	r73,082
May ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	r8,790	13,324	8,821	r40,920	r63,065
June ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	r9,726	11,965	10,412	r46,971	r69,348
1959-60 p—										
July ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	9,838	11,752	11,413	47,588	70,753
August ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,277	11,710	11,081	48,235	71,026
September ..	11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	10,031	12,402	9,575	42,057	64,034
October ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,713	15,389	10,690	48,385	74,464

(a) See note (c) page 17.

(b) See note (a) page 18.

(c) See note (g) page 17.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1952-53..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	r67,525
1958-59..	r8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
Monthly Total—										
1957-58—										
November ..	5,241	2,766	5,546	144	230	4,013	2,649	40,723	1,999	83,018
December ..	4,599	1,877	2,900	77	67	4,294	2,227	37,994	1,062	70,234
January ..	3,739	1,822	3,727	29	156	3,121	2,172	31,965	2,577	66,571
February ..	3,701	1,136	2,173	343	39	450	2,152	32,555	1,899	59,582
March ..	3,320	951	2,202	1,488	484	1,734	1,885	32,012	1,625	60,937
April ..	3,447	424	2,220	3,183	1,000	1,272	1,417	22,495	1,869	52,861
May ..	4,346	570	2,661	4,525	2,062	760	1,491	25,173	995	64,338
June ..	5,181	933	2,574	2,463	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,859	54,434
1958-59—										
July ..	7,413	1,104	3,896	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,321	1,731	r61,434
August ..	6,613	835	3,500	209	2,056	3,276	1,763	10,577	1,122	r47,245
September ..	6,158	1,586	3,844	91	1,595	4,960	2,032	17,446	1,480	r55,689
October ..	9,004	2,946	4,352	163	901	5,054	1,819	28,912	1,875	73,971
November ..	8,973	2,243	2,253	140	309	2,144	1,782	26,642	1,998	r66,196
December ..	9,443	3,610	4,263	19	184	3,230	1,916	33,241	1,500	75,655
January ..	9,183	3,312	4,500	14	40	1,727	1,714	25,112	1,725	r66,909
February ..	8,463	3,591	6,478	153	23	2,298	1,912	26,911	2,030	r73,546
March ..	7,952	1,173	3,993	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	28,048	1,034	r66,413
April ..	7,548	1,660	4,720	2,569	970	2,499	2,202	26,074	1,591	r72,247
May ..	7,170	1,794	3,771	3,439	2,021	2,153	2,423	30,932	1,664	r76,667
June ..	9,283	1,097	6,143	1,239	2,589	577	2,648	26,027	1,213	r70,733
1959-60 p—										
July ..	r7,418	r882	5,396	231	1,843	893	2,991	r26,713	717	r65,758
August ..	r12,017	r854	r6,675	254	1,427	3,000	r3,172	r15,591	1,111	r63,871
September ..	8,064	1,643	7,145	48	1,245	1,722	3,339	22,668	679	68,998
October ..	8,822	2,211	4,437	215	1,307	4,213	2,800	35,856	1,419	r84,219
November ..	7,708	4,072	6,926	128	223	2,861	2,512	39,702	1,963	86,892

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1954-55	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978	1,950	1,452	1,722
1957-58—									
December	2,161	1,965	1,844	2,766	1,798	1,777	1,823	1,559	1,701
January	2,179	1,985	1,833	2,782	1,821	1,808	1,818	1,469	1,658
February	2,225	2,005	1,894	2,838	1,862	1,846	1,854	1,476	1,680
March	2,247	2,042	1,852	2,858	1,867	1,851	1,899	1,467	1,700
April	2,237	2,041	1,826	2,841	1,852	1,838	1,896	1,455	1,694
May	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713
October	2,297	1,931	1,564	2,878	1,868	1,865	1,901	1,440	1,690
November	2,318	1,934	1,554	2,927	1,883	1,902	1,907	1,437	1,691
December	2,378	1,939	1,536	2,995	1,914	1,932	1,901	1,450	1,694
January	2,429	2,036	1,522	3,093	1,967	1,982	1,934	1,471	1,721
February	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706
May	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145	1,974	1,448	1,733
June	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209	2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—									
July	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349	(c)	(c)	(c)
August	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482			
September	3,042	2,562	2,345	3,886	2,560	2,613			
October	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713			
November	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667			
December	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662			

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies.

(b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used.

(c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate	(e)											
	(f)											
	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1951-52 ..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	p382	367	335	178	p351	p339
1957-58—												
November ..	483	352	232	409	337	488	344	364	244	178	407	391
December ..	445	359	225	372	290	481	346	365	243	178	383	369
January ..	453	363	207	369	315	504	345	376	237	178	387	373
February ..	468	368	194	375	294	496	349	379	239	178	393	378
March ..	422	371	188	375	308	496	346	380	239	178	372	358
April ..	400	365	163	370	353	479	346	368	235	178	358	346
May ..	392	367	162	369	364	485	339	373	241	178	356	344
June ..	400	369	166	377	368	477	347	375	239	178	361	348
1958-59—												
July .. (g)	400	366	178	371	351	481	351	384	228	178	361	348
August ..	354	369	190	369	370	477	363	375	234	178	342	330
September ..	354	363	190	372	393	476	370	383	250	178	343	332
October ..	336	363	195	391	405	473	385	382	270	178	337	326
November ..	339	355	222	404	407	477	390	378	273	178	342	330
December ..	328	353	242	389	404	470	391	375	285	178	337	326
January ..	321	347	250	390	408	490 (g)	391	372	287	178	334	323
February ..	339	336	250	384	387	474 (g)	391	360	341	178	339	328
March ..	347	336	249	385	382	477 (g)	391	357	428	178	343	331
April ..	415	337	249	382	393	473	p387	348	521	178	p377	p364
May ..	415	339	262	396	402	477	p388	347	456	178	p381	p367
June ..	400	336	287	401	429	458	p387	341	452	178	p378	p364
1959-60—												
July .. (g)	407	332	312	402	439	437	p387	327	464	178	p384	p370
August ..	445	340	336	418	411	461	p365	324	461	178	p406	p390
September ..	430	331	350	420	376	438	p360	309	440	178	p396	p380
October ..	430	330	359	431 (h)		440	p359	307	395	178	p398	p382
November ..	p422	p333	367	437 (h)		p458	p358	304	312	178	p395	p380

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
 (c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
 (f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1947-48	287	280	283	1953-54.. ..	615	356	474
1948-49	365	305	332	1954-55.. ..	538	342	431
1949-50	473	308	383	1955-56.. ..	464	342	397
1950-51	999	365	654	1956-57.. ..	578	331	444
1951-52	564	397	473	1957-58.. ..	471	313	385
1952-53	616	371	483	1958-59.. ..	362	p320	p339

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1954-55.			1955-56.			1956-57.		
July	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403
August	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417
September	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441
October	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432
November	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445
December	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	329	447
January	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	330	451
February	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	330	458
March	528	341	426	453	335	388	596	329	451
April	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	331	462
May	520	340	422	498	323	403	626	333	467
June	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452

	1957-58.			1958-59.			1959-60.		
July	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	p338	p370
August	551	331	431	354	310	330	445	p344	p390
September	543	328	426	354	312	332	430	p339	p380
October	498	323	403	336	318	326	430	p343	p382
November	483	315	391	339	323	330	p422	p344	p380
December	445	305	369	328	324	326			
January	453	306	373	321	325	323			
February	468	303	378	339	318	328			
March	422	304	358	347	319	331			
April	400	301	346	415	p321	p364			
May	392	303	344	415	p327	p367			
June	400	306	348	400	p334	p364			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

All Groups.			Month of November.		Five months ended November.	
			1958.	1959.	1958.	1959.
Excluding Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p107	100	p110
Including Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p117	100	p118

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1957-58—											
November..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December..	399	236	419	346	293	457	355	319	304	348	335
January ..	400	236	424	347	278	458	355	318	302	349	335
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350	336
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351	337
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349	335
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	358	327	244	420	338	338	285	360	338
September	394	231	358	327	244	432	340	337	283	361	338
October ..	394	231	341	327	243	432	339	330	282	356	334
November..	394	232	344	327	254	425	338	326	282	352	332
December..	390	231	337	327	267	420	336	322	282	348	328
January ..	391	231	333	327	263	422	336	320	280	347	327
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354	332
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365	340
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368	343
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363	340
June ..	383	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364	340
1959-60—											
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366	342
August ..	388	230	417	330	411	422	346	343	281	371	345
September	388	223	405	330	414	425	345	339	276	369	342
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367	341
November..	p390	223	p399	328	360	425	p342	p335	279	p363	p338

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 417 for November, 1959. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For November, 1959, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 336; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 364; "Total All Groups," 339.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.
(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada	United States of America.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
	(a)				(b)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	365
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	(f)145	(f)141	161	429
1958-59 ..	336	g275	288	p224	226	290	137	142	170	438
1958-59—				p						
Dec. ..	328	279	288	224	225	292	136	142	167	430
Jan. ..	327	g273	289	224	226	290	136	142	175	435
Feb. ..	332		286	225	226	288	136	142	174	439
Mar. ..	340		284	225	226	288	136	142	173	436
Apr. ..	343	272	289	226	227	288	139	142	173	431
May ..	340		288	226	227	290	140	142	174	435
June ..	340		288	225	226	292	139	142	172	440
1959-60—										
July ..	342		288	226	226	290	138	142	172	451
Aug. ..	345			225	225	292	141	142	174	453
Sept. ..	342			225	226	294	141	p142	176	446
Oct. ..	p341			225	225	296	p141	p142	p178	
Nov. ..	p338				225		p142	p143		

(a) See note (c), page 24. (b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.
(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939. (f) From January, 1958, the index numbers reflect the movement of the nearest equivalent index in a new series of indexes on base 1954 = 100. (g) New index of "Prices paid for commodities and by Domestic Industry and Consumers", linked to former index at 1958.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.		Australia.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
		(b)					
1936-37 ..	..	97.3	96	97	98	100	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100 (c)
1937-38 ..	..	99.8	101	101	102	101	
1938-39 ..	..	102.9	103	102	100	99	
1954-55 ..	..	264.4	201	204	185	190	
		A	B				
1955-56 ..	..	274.2	277.4	206	186	190	(d) 154
1956-57 ..	..	286.2	290.9	213	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	..	292.5	291.5	217	197	202	166
1958-59 ..	..	299.5	298.9	231	200	205	168
1958-59—							
January ..	..	300.0	300.3	231	226	205	169
February ..	..				226	205	169
March ..	..				226	205	169
April ..	..	302.4	301.9	232	226	205	168
May ..	..				227	205	167
June ..	..				227	206	168
1959-60—							
July ..	..	305.3	305.0	234	227	207	167
August ..	..				227	207	168
September ..	..				227	207	167

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) The index in column "A" excludes, and that in column "B" includes, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be linked to former series. (d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this page and page 29 the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	"C" Series Retail Price Index: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage Rate Indexes : Six States.	
	Food and Groceries. (a)	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)		Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)
1936-37	963	968	976	996	973		949	976
1937-38	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998		1,007	1,009
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029		1,044	1,015
1951-52	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337		2,806	1,201
1952-53	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550		3,104	1,217
1953-54	3,073	1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622		3,207	1,223
1954-55	3,098	1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644		3,249	1,229
1955-56	A 3,265 B 3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	A 2,742 B 2,774	(c) 3,362	1,226	1,212
1956-57	3,395 3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862 2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236	1,216
1957-58	3,424 3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925 2,915	3,605	1,233	1,237
1958-59	3,492 3,477	1,621	4,192	2,565	2,995 2,989	3,681	1,229	1,232
1954-55— March Quarter	3,124	1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649	3,269	1,234	
June	3,169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678	3,283	1,226	
1955-56— September Quarter	A 3,215 B 3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	A 2,700 B 2,719	3,299	A 1,222 B 1,213	
December	3,239 3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721 2,746	3,345	1,229 1,218	
March	3,262 3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748 2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226 1,212	
June	3,343 3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797 2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228 1,205	
1956-57— September Quarter	3,394 3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832 2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229 1,181	
December	3,380 3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849 2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244 1,216	
March	3,401 3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872 2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232 1,231	
June	3,406 3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893 2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239 1,235	
1957-58— September Quarter	3,417 3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907 2,903	3,594	1,236 1,238	
December	3,381 3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905 2,893	3,595	1,238 1,243	
March	3,446 3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933 2,923	3,594	1,225 1,230	
June	3,453 3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955 2,940	3,638	1,231 1,237	
1958-59— September Quarter	3,452 3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966 2,950	3,652	1,231 1,238	
December	3,475 3,458	1,614	4,192	2,579	2,991 2,984	3,655	1,222 1,225	
March	3,498 3,509	1,631	4,181	2,578	3,000 3,003	3,668	1,223 1,221	
June	3,542 3,531	1,646	4,205	2,577	3,024 3,019	3,753	1,241 1,243	
1959-60— September Quarter	3,592 3,583	1,667	4,224	2,589	3,053 3,050	3,778	1,237 1,239	

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items of the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)	
	A	B				A	B
Year ended June—							
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3
1958	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6
1959	115.8	115.9	110.4	136.5	123.9	118.4	118.5
Quarter ended—							
1957—December ..	112.8	112.4	109.1	127.0	120.1	115.1	114.9
1958—March ..	114.6	114.4	109.3	128.2	120.2	115.9	115.8
June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9
December ..	115.1	115.1	110.5	136.0	124.5	118.3	118.3
1959—March ..	116.1	116.7	110.3	137.4	124.7	118.8	119.0
June ..	117.4	117.6	110.7	138.6	125.2	119.7	119.7
September ..	118.2	118.5	111.1	140.6	125.8	120.4	120.5

(a) Indexes in columns "A" exclude, and those in columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	336	536	386	432	607	374
1957-58p	336	435	382	388	473	359

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Price Index—All Groups.			Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.		Retail Price Indexes—All Groups. ^(b) (Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.)						
	Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.	Basic Materials.	All Groups. (a)	“C” Series Index.(c)				Interim Index.(d)		
1936-37 ..	108	116	115	99	99	97.3	Base : 1952-53 = 100 (Arithmetically converted for comparison.)				Base : 1952-53 = 100	
1937-38 ..	105	102	102	102	101	99.8						
1938-39 ..	87	82	83	99	100	102.9						
1951-52 ..	397	495	473	321	297	233.7	91.7				91.4	
1952-53 ..	371	505	483	350	319	255.0	100.0				A	B
1953-54 ..	356	496	474	332	319	262.2	102.8				100.0	100.0
1954-55 ..	342	450	431	330	322	264.4	103.7				102.2	102.5
1955-56 ..	342	414	397	345	334	A 274.2	B 277.4	A 107.5	B 108.8	103.7	103.6	
1956-57 ..	331	464	444	367	344	286.2	290.9	112.2	114.1	107.0	108.0	
1957-58 ..	313	400	385	355	339	292.5	291.5	114.7	114.3	113.0	114.3	
1958-59 ..	p320	p351	p339	340	336	299.5	298.9	117.5	117.2	115.7	115.6	
1957-58—										118.4	118.5	
July ..	327	470	450	364	347	290.7	290.3	114.0	113.8	115.1	115.1	
August ..	331	450	431	363	350							
September	328	445	426	361	346	290.5	289.3	114.0	113.5	115.1	114.9	
October ..	323	420	403	358	338							
November	315	407	391	357	334	293.3	292.3	115.0	114.7	115.9	115.8	
December	305	383	369	355	335							
January ..	306	387	373	355	335	295.5	294.0	115.9	115.3	116.7	116.5	
February..	303	393	378	355	336							
March ..	304	372	358	353	337	296.6	295.0	116.3	115.7	117.1	116.9	
April ..	301	358	346	351	335							
May ..	303	356	344	343	336	299.1	298.4	117.3	117.0	118.3	118.3	
June ..	306	361	348	343	337							
1958-59—												
July ..	304	361	348	339	336	300.0	300.3	117.7	117.8	118.8	119.0	
August ..	310	342	330	338	338							
September	312	343	332	340	338	302.4	301.9	118.6	118.4	119.7	119.7	
October ..	318	337	326	339	334							
November	323	342	330	338	332	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
December	324	337	326	336	328							
January ..	325	334	323	336	327	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
February..	318	339	328	338	332							
March ..	319	343	331	340	340	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
April ..	p321	p377	p364	346	343							
May ..	p327	p381	p367	344	340	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
June ..	p334	p378	p364	343	340							
1959-60—												
July ..	p338	p384	p370	343	342	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
August ..	p344	p406	p390	346	345							
September	p339	p396	p380	345	342	305.3	305.0	119.7	119.6	120.4	120.5	
October ..	p343	p398	p382	343	341							
November	p344	p395	p380	p342	p338							

(a) See note (c) page 24.

(b) Indexes in columns “A” exclude, and those in columns “B” include, the price movement of potatoes and

onions. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

(d) See note at head of page 27.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	Six Capitals or Six States.
1958 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,768	3,583	3,463	3,510	3,620	3,685	3,638
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(e) 248/-	(f) 256/-	(g) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,769	3,589	3,526	3,512	3,651	3,698	3,652
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(h) 254/-	(f) 256/-	(i) 272/3	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : December Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,765	3,590	3,549	3,513	3,665	3,699	3,655
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 273/-	(d) 263/-	(j) 256/-	(f) 256/-	(j) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,780	3,593	3,586	3,518	3,666	3,704	3,668
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 275/-	(d) 263/-	(k) 260/-	(f) 256/-	(j) 273/5	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,855	3,685	3,657	3,689	3,706	3,831	3,753
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (l)	283/-	275/-	258/-	271/-	276/-	282/-	276/-
State " " " ..	(c) 276/-	(m) 275/-	(n) 263/-	(o) 271/-	(n) 275/1	(d) 272/-	..
1959 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,862	3,747	3,669	3,689	3,740	3,869	3,778
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (l)	283/-	275/-	258/-	271/-	276/-	282/-	276/-
State " " " ..	(c) 277/-	(m) 275/-	(n) 263/-	(o) 271/-	(p) 278/7	(q) 282/-	..

(a) Index numbers : Base—Weighted Average, Six States, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. See note at head of page 26.
 (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958.
 (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown.
 (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956.
 (e) Payable as from 28th April, 1958.
 (f) Payable as from 26th May, 1958.
 (g) Payable as from 7th February, 1958.
 (h) Payable as from 24th July, 1958.
 (i) Payable as from 4th August, 1958.
 (j) Payable as from 27th October, 1958.
 (k) Payable as from 2nd February, 1959.
 (l) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 11th June, 1959.
 (m) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards varied determinations by adopting the Federal basic wage rate.
 (n) Payable as from 27th April, 1959.
 (o) Payable as from 15th June, 1959.
 (p) Payable as from 27th July, 1959.
 (q) Wages Boards adopted the Federal basic wage rate from July, 1959.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 73 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).							
1952-53	15,422	10,816	4,868	3,357	2,492	1,199	38,154
1953-54	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	22,484	16,257	7,034	4,793	3,361	1,729	55,658
1957-58—							
September Quarter ..	21,289	15,170	6,592	4,619	3,317	1,578	52,565
December	22,741	16,253	6,894	4,772	3,353	1,674	55,687
March	20,630	14,789	6,091	4,480	3,116	1,653	50,759
June	21,995	15,831	6,764	4,668	3,350	1,778	54,386
1958-59—							
September	22,182	15,908	7,016	4,757	3,407	1,654	54,924
December	23,645	17,044	7,424	4,961	3,505	1,799	58,378
March	21,253	15,382	6,565	4,568	3,131	1,669	52,568
June	22,857	16,692	7,132	4,886	3,402	1,793	56,762
1959-60—							
September	23,583	17,312	7,491	5,228	3,563	1,771	58,948

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d)							
1952-53	15.96	15.71	14.17	15.17	14.69	14.80	15.45
1953-54	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	21.11	20.89	18.78	19.11	18.34	19.42	20.31
1957-58—							
September Quarter ..	20.18	19.97	17.83	18.66	18.37	18.22	19.47
December	21.44	21.27	18.96	19.25	18.46	19.22	20.59
March	19.43	19.14	16.76	18.01	17.10	18.58	18.68
June	20.70	20.49	18.22	18.79	18.30	19.76	19.93
1958-59—							
September	20.92	20.68	18.68	19.17	18.67	18.74	20.16
December	22.19	22.01	19.88	19.89	19.12	20.37	21.35
March	19.94	19.63	17.65	18.15	17.08	18.61	19.14
June	21.37	21.27	18.88	19.23	18.48	19.97	20.57
1959-60—							
September	21.97	22.03	19.71	20.45	19.35	19.96	21.30

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1951-52(b) ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53. . .	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54. . .	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56. . .	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57. . .	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58. . .	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
1958-59. . .	3,538	12,780	379	5,538	3,917	18,318	3,338	21,656
Monthly Total—								
1957-58—								
November ..	3,269	11,164	350	3,160	3,619	14,324	2,876	17,200
December ..	2,413	8,967	229	2,483	2,642	11,450	2,019	13,469
January ..	3,351	11,123	287	5,764	3,638	16,887	2,772	19,659
February ..	3,155	10,768	346	3,778	3,501	14,546	2,455	17,001
March ..	3,552	11,944	348	3,601	3,900	15,545	2,728	18,273
April ..	3,567	12,903	360	6,082	3,927	18,985	3,074	22,059
May ..	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June ..	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July ..	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	408	4,563	4,523	19,149	3,761	22,910
October ..	3,839	13,500	420	5,384	4,259	18,884	3,303	22,187
November ..	3,523	12,997	347	3,962	3,870	16,959	3,000	19,959
December ..	2,787	9,928	330	4,015	3,117	13,943	2,563	16,506
January ..	2,712	10,176	266	3,747	2,978	13,923	2,092	16,015
February ..	3,440	12,697	326	4,395	3,766	17,092	3,103	20,195
March ..	3,317	11,998	349	6,695	3,666	18,693	2,658	21,351
April ..	3,772	13,585	365	6,277	4,137	19,862	3,633	23,495
May ..	3,366	11,975	399	7,507	3,765	19,482	5,069	24,551
June ..	3,723	14,031	444	6,210	4,167	20,241	3,924	24,165
1959-60—								
July ..	4,146	14,918	459	5,740	4,605	20,658	3,666	24,324
August ..	3,905	15,147	507	6,251	4,412	21,398	3,752	25,150
September ..	4,099	16,056	447	5,951	4,546	22,007	4,145	26,152
October ..	4,031	15,104	422	10,309	4,453	25,413	3,907	29,320
November ..	4,310	16,658	374	4,064	4,684	20,722	3,809	24,531

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1953-54 ..	(e)4,622	(f)12,356	(g)9,691	1,912	3,553	(h)4,622	1,653	(f)3,890	(i)2,297
1954-55 ..	5,936	(j)17,892	(j)8,365	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598	(k)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,199	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58 ..	6,170	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1958-59 ..	7,109	21,656	10,840	3,457	8,077	4,295	1,747	7,803	2,290
1957-58—									
December Qtr.	6,039	16,542	9,503	1,878	5,457	4,090	2,549	6,196	2,095
March ..	5,998	18,311	9,452	2,171	6,689	3,713	1,644	6,543	2,145
June ..	7,266	21,447	10,052	3,894	8,483	3,901	1,526	7,060	2,307
1958-59—									
September ..	7,217	23,814	11,746	3,880	9,120	5,011	1,560	8,437	2,504
December ..	6,533	19,551	10,200	2,479	7,098	3,893	2,526	7,147	2,125
March ..	6,273	19,187	9,088	2,880	6,834	3,685	1,122	6,982	2,119
June ..	8,413	24,070	12,327	4,590	9,257	4,591	1,782	8,645	2,413
1959-60—									
September ..	8,113	25,209	12,845	3,769	9,685	5,340	2,234	8,491	2,802
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—									
December ..	7,024	16,506	n.a.	3,067	6,185	3,914	2,472	6,065	1,736
January ..	3,499	16,015	n.a.	1,666	5,783	3,975	1,113	5,213	1,928
February ..	6,999	20,195	n.a.	3,087	7,676	3,525	1,078	6,893	2,362
March ..	8,321	21,351	n.a.	3,887	7,042	3,555	1,175	8,842	2,067
April ..	9,423	23,495	n.a.	6,038	9,084	4,677	1,732	8,527	2,556
May ..	6,710	24,551	n.a.	3,717	9,284	4,057	1,406	9,531	2,204
June ..	9,106	24,165	n.a.	4,015	9,403	5,040	2,208	7,878	2,479
1959-60									
July ..	7,151	24,324	n.a.	3,291	8,536	5,314	2,364	8,389	3,150
August ..	4,932	25,150	n.a.	2,288	9,821	5,288	1,405	8,488	2,787
September ..	12,255	26,152	n.a.	5,727	10,698	5,419	2,934	8,595	2,468
October ..	8,885	29,320	n.a.	2,092	14,213	8,283	2,248	7,934	2,675
November ..	8,502	24,531	n.a.	2,851	9,080	5,009	2,800	7,437	2,549

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.
 (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See note (c), page 33. (f) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (g) See A and B below and C and F, page 33.
 (h) See A below. (i) See B below. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
 B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Common-wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Common-wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Common-wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Common-wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1953-54 ..	(c) 303	1,299	(d) 1,404	320	1,486	392	314	1,750	548	120	(e) 378	(f) 428
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 393	(g) 460
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	234	1,470	435	238	454	565
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	425	1,321	520	202	412	481
1958-59 ..	521	1,863	2,141	685	2,268	1,120	478	1,231	479	221	414	515
1957-58—												
Dec. Qtr.	379	1,469	1,785	508	1,830	622	553	1,167	456	172	423	455
Mar. "	1,004	1,644	1,879	495	2,011	677	402	1,020	536	282	404	502
June "	494	2,180	1,992	758	2,027	849	407	1,247	521	187	450	482
1958-59—												
Sept. "	508	1,844	2,053	443	2,586	1,150	706	1,347	515	120	480	513
Dec. "	386	1,714	2,131	606	2,082	1,057	272	1,182	463	264	328	531
Mar. "	659	1,866	1,712	888	2,079	700	538	1,016	413	186	410	459
June "	530	2,027	2,670	804	2,324	1,571	395	1,379	525	312	438	557
1959-60—												
Sept. "	618	2,330	2,538	634	2,611	988	532	1,572	546	326	520	631
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
December ..	294	1,399	2,010	644	1,655	n.a.	371	1,004	408	176	198	452
January ..	349	1,844	1,448	135	1,801	n.a.	159	853	351	77	521	421
February ..	911	1,934	1,849	808	2,218	n.a.	937	1,142	425	178	332	478
March ..	717	1,820	1,838	1,722	2,217	n.a.	518	1,053	463	302	377	478
April ..	215	1,807	2,611	795	2,078	n.a.	491	1,615	526	152	384	762
May ..	298	1,823	2,675	831	2,131	n.a.	142	1,205	531	316	577	541
June ..	1,075	2,452	2,724	788	2,762	n.a.	551	1,316	519	469	354	368
1959-60—												
July ..	306	2,282	2,836	475	3,077	n.a.	487	1,551	549	228	489	731
August ..	344	2,740	2,699	244	2,177	n.a.	143	1,460	520	508	464	621
September ..	1,206	1,967	2,080	1,182	2,579	n.a.	965	1,705	570	241	608	541
October ..	672	2,452	2,079	2,590	2,686	n.a.	791	1,428	580	492	607	672
November ..	334	2,881	2,314	292	3,244	n.a.	466	1,376	421	1,759	513	591

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (d) See C below. (e) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (f) See F below. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947 thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54.. ..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339	a 296,137
1954-55(b) ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56.. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57.. ..	52,355	37,386	89,741	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58.. ..	57,259	37,929	95,188	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,772	355,470
1958-59.. ..	63,698	44,280	107,978	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—									
June Qtr. ..	56,134	34,298	90,432	53,816	39,830	93,646	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58—									
Sept. „ ..	59,147	39,139	98,286	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212,075	380,143
Dec. „ ..	53,014	31,753	84,767	61,801	44,466	106,267	160,581	201,631	362,212
Mar. „ ..	55,656	39,157	94,813	55,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	196,037	358,356
June „ ..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772	355,470
1958-59—									
Sept. „ ..	67,969	49,085	117,054	64,432	42,427	106,859	168,746	201,441	370,187
Dec. „ ..	57,096	33,205	90,301	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,983	338,760
Mar. „ ..	63,683	41,432	105,115	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June „ ..	66,043	53,398	119,441	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	n.a.	970	69,910
1954-55	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—									
June Qtr. „	35,298	29,330	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	499	887	93,646
1957-58—									
Sept. „ ..	44,859	33,424	9,815	9,012	6,297	3,192	698	1,828	109,125
Dec. „ ..	40,688	31,954	10,263	10,178	8,044	3,312	502	1,326	106,267
Mar. „ ..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	311	818	102,075
June „ ..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	599	1,869	107,672
1958-59—									
Sept. „ ..	39,545	30,964	10,657	9,731	9,706	3,066	538	2,652	106,859
Dec. „ ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526
Mar. „ ..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169	101,650
June „ ..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738

For meaning of symbols n.a., — see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	n.a.	96	(b)19,219
1954-55	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—Sept. Qtr.	6,703	5,480	1,986	2,058	1,686	633	73	301	18,920
Dec. "	6,057	5,392	1,612	1,778	1,249	582	38	340	17,048
Mar. "	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	100	198	17,886
June "	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	100	316	19,493
1958-59—Sept. "	7,721	6,444	2,390	2,170	1,497	725	101	549	21,597
Dec. "	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. "	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June "	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	20,958
1959-60—Sept. "	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1953-54	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	n.a.	138	19,395
1954-55	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
Quarterly Total—									
1957-58—Sept. Qtr.	5,824	5,119	2,030	2,020	1,664	665	85	122	17,529
Dec. "	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	62	223	20,045
Mar. "	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	53	148	17,627
June "	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	75	261	19,384
1958-59—Sept. "	7,494	6,386	2,089	2,204	1,342	595	79	341	20,530
Dec. "	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. "	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June "	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,829
1959-60—Sept. "	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1953-54	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	n.a.	477	(b)65,614
1954-55	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1957-58—Sept. Qtr. ..	20,127	19,016	3,630	6,076	4,941	2,139	151	1,180	57,260
Dec. " ..	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	127	1,297	54,264
Mar. " ..	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	174	1,347	54,518
June " ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59—Sept. " ..	18,879	19,458	3,632	5,476	4,269	2,157	221	1,610	55,702
Dec. " ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. " ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June " ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60—Sept. " ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron. (b)	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—								(f)	(f)			
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,399	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	8,885	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.1	254.4	9,594	21,359	2,987
1958-59 p ..	1,549	150	1,699	1,028	91.4	4,055	1,761	190.7	266.2	9,559	20,022	3,741
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
November	1,641	190	1,831	879	90.8	3,729	1,584	182.0	241.0	9,394	21,926	3,105
December	1,218	129	1,347	753	94.8	3,521	1,530	202.1	245.4	9,728	20,895	2,820
January ..	1,101	132	1,233	851	92.4	3,429	1,518	197.5	264.0	9,657	21,050	2,248
February	1,467	194	1,661	807	84.1	3,232	1,468	172.6	227.6	8,609	18,865	2,920
March ..	1,486	184	1,670	889	85.5	3,663	1,632	196.6	260.1	9,560	22,072	3,708
April ..	1,444	176	1,620	901	81.7	3,701	1,588	186.5	248.7	9,306	22,985	3,414
May ..	1,565	204	1,769	1,001	88.1	4,203	1,766	199.5	271.5	9,748	22,598	3,537
June ..	1,553	155	1,708	1,000	95.9	4,646	1,813	178.9	256.6	9,811	22,051	4,265
1958-59 p—												
July ..	1,818	199	2,017	1,118	107.9	5,131	1,968	190.0	270.5	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,663	174	1,837	1,060	85.3	4,774	1,852	194.7	267.2	9,888	19,802	4,202
September	1,630	173	1,803	1,061	99.0	4,431	1,775	189.2	263.6	9,663	19,997	4,639
October	1,836	158	1,994	1,032	92.7	4,147	1,774	182.0	265.3	9,862	18,284	4,479
November	1,600	164	1,764	998	86.9	3,663	1,660	188.5	262.7	9,382	21,120	3,898
December	1,197	152	1,349	926	100.8	3,596	1,638	200.2	269.9	9,696	21,038	2,020
January ..	1,010	123	1,133	900	79.8	3,253	1,591	198.7	267.6	9,412	21,300	2,433
February	1,532	128	1,660	891	85.4	3,190	1,574	180.1	244.0	8,587	20,336	3,636
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	1,011	93.9	3,384	1,688	187.6	274.2	9,606	18,866	3,800
April ..	1,565	136	1,701	1,024	82.8	3,769	1,731	192.2	265.4	9,350	20,147	3,687
May ..	1,542	129	1,671	1,130	82.8	4,453	1,893	206.5	287.4	9,944	19,371	4,207
June ..	1,640	142	1,782	1,188	99.6	4,864	1,987	231.1	291.7	9,731	20,875	3,942
1959-60 p—												
July ..	1,739	148	1,887	1,262	90.2	5,085	2,121	210.4	290.7	9,990	18,876	3,928
August ..	1,631	160	1,791	1,209	86.8	4,896	2,032	212.3	285.0	10,083	20,110	r3,874
September	1,727	164	1,891	1,150	93.5	4,414	1,930	207.9	277.0	9,808	20,049	r3,919
October..	1,692	150	1,842	1,162	95.1	4,315	1,819	256.9	306.5	9,736	17,700	
November								206.9	297.0			

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources.
 (d) Includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement								
Monthly Average—	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e)1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	115.9	190.9	1,453	3,602	4,663	4,588	16,327
1958-59p ..	79.9	4,942	4,348	2,239	123.4	207.6	1,488	3,372	5,505	5,440	18,063
Monthly Total—											
1957-58 p—											
November	79.4	5,123	4,259	2,563	125.7	200.8	1,524	4,469	5,250	5,050	24,552
December	61.5	4,137	3,148	1,692	110.8	169.2	1,142	3,108	4,148	4,431	21,283
January	56.1	3,767	3,087	1,352	98.2	166.6	1,116	2,522	3,816	3,141	17,975
February	69.8	4,925	4,114	2,217	109.4	177.7	1,436	3,281	4,761	4,556	15,716
March ..	74.2	4,938	4,140	2,500	120.6	199.6	1,402	2,985	4,272	4,994	13,907
April ..	73.0	4,983	3,929	2,037	107.9	195.7	1,403	3,347	4,305	4,142	11,510
May ..	82.8	5,235	4,429	2,772	123.4	208.9	1,519	3,871	4,234	4,983	13,138
June ..	75.4	4,936	3,980	2,081	122.2	205.7	1,420	3,281	3,940	4,565	13,161
1958-59 p—											
July ..	87.3	5,392	4,434	2,450	124.4	208.7	1,603	3,959	5,347	5,637	18,623
August ..	79.7	4,959	4,194	2,456	135.6	215.2	1,513	4,177	5,558	5,173	19,881
September	86.8	5,145	4,529	2,241	131.5	212.7	1,571	4,143	6,662	5,196	21,527
October..	86.1	5,556	4,794	2,371	136.8	223.9	1,625	3,736	7,212	5,881	27,632
November	79.0	4,945	4,464	2,446	130.6	210.2	1,544	3,312	6,268	5,361	23,445
December	73.3	4,221	3,770	1,897	115.7	192.6	1,276	3,107	5,798	4,956	23,389
January ..	53.4	3,571	3,134	1,587	90.6	158.7	1,098	2,105	3,838	3,340	13,725
February	75.9	4,909	4,383	2,209	105.2	190.3	1,478	2,972	6,111	5,620	16,809
March ..	81.6	4,881	4,388	1,875	116.8	215.3	1,448	3,234	5,130	5,826	12,406
April ..	84.7	5,467	4,810	2,333	120.2	218.5	1,610	3,252	5,653	6,514	12,439
May ..	85.6	5,216	4,720	2,622	133.9	232.5	1,551	3,061	4,397	5,996	12,645
June ..	85.6	5,041	4,560	2,375	138.8	212.6	1,542	3,406	4,091	5,775	14,238
1959-60 p—											
July ..	89.8	5,604	4,857	2,575	137.6	223.2	1,640	3,989	6,843	5,947	20,131
August ..	86.6	4,841	5,064	2,852	135.0	229.0	1,555	3,493	7,190	5,487	19,185
September	94.6	5,324	5,116	2,647	140.1	225.6	1,603	3,398	8,116	6,490	25,915
October..	91.4	4,892	5,035	2,804	140.1	226.4	r1,631	3,407	7,625	6,436	30,863
November	85.8	4,612	5,073	2,826		225.0	1,597	3,191	7,314	6,847	27,367

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stoves and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955

represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1952-53	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957-58	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958-59p	3,555	3,518	1,365	12.9	3.42	2.27	2,001
Monthly Total—							
1957-58 p—							
November	3,927	3,700	1,735	14.0	4.14	3.03	2,054
December	2,822	2,617	1,260	12.2	3.13	2.17	1,535
January	3,012	3,064	1,188	10.6	3.08	2.19	1,163
February	3,739	3,744	1,692	12.7	3.98	2.97	1,647
March	3,806	3,728	1,680	13.4	3.92	2.91	1,701
April	3,903	3,874	1,527	10.5	3.68	2.69	1,675
May	3,798	3,906	1,550	12.5	3.71	2.33	1,828
June	3,448	3,620	1,818	12.6	3.30	1.94	1,716
1958-59 p—							
July	3,957	3,866	1,562	12.5	3.31	2.07	2,152
August	3,551	3,560	1,434	10.5	3.01	1.97	2,267
September	3,500	3,672	1,532	11.2	3.40	2.16	2,432
October	3,889	3,906	1,484	12.4	3.51	2.52	2,486
November	3,484	3,602	1,277	13.5	3.41	2.45	2,136
December	2,961	3,047	1,096	12.1	2.88	2.12	1,807
January	2,608	2,793	896	10.0	2.39	1.62	1,166
February	3,553	3,319	1,303	13.4	3.57	2.47	1,811
March	3,556	3,417	1,342	13.9	3.66	2.56	1,820
April	4,191	3,965	1,508	14.5	4.02	2.58	1,988
May	3,652	3,430	1,357	15.3	3.90	2.39	1,902
June	3,763	3,638	1,588	16.1	4.02	2.33	2,046
1959-60 p—							
July	4,143	3,726	1,416	16.2	4.19	2.34	r2,266
August	3,676	3,571	1,315	13.4	3.79	2.25	r2,339
September	4,104	3,635	1,555	14.7	4.50	2.65	r2,558
October	3,619	r3,362	r1,374	14.3	4.43	2.77	2,489
November	3,757	3,476	1,482	15.2	4.32	2.85	2,487

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page I.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's, Fully Fash., and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1952-53	131.2	156.4	(g) {	73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54	157.9	179.1		101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57	120.9	237.0	67.1	(h) 9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58	122.7	209.8	60.3	(h) 8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5
1958-59 p.. ..	109.0	223.7	61.9	(h) 7.9	154.7	247.0	134.2
Monthly Total—							
1957-58 p—							
November	145.9	227.0	61.8	9.9	159.5	276.0	156.5
December	107.6	180.5	45.2	10.3	132.4	226.2	115.7
January	79.5	142.2	41.5	6.1	102.8	173.3	61.7
February	125.1	204.6	66.2	7.4	153.3	253.7	102.8
March	120.3	203.9	63.4	7.8	153.6	243.7	97.0
April	113.8	191.8	61.0	7.8	153.5	239.0	100.7
May	131.6	229.4	67.0	8.5	150.0	238.1	123.5
June	116.1	219.4	63.9	7.1	142.0	218.0	128.2
1958-59 p—							
July	117.5	248.1	71.2	8.4	179.2	269.8	167.3
August	110.0	237.6	70.6	8.8	156.9	245.0	156.1
September	123.1	245.3	73.2	7.6	171.4	261.1	176.4
October	124.2	268.2	70.0	7.3	181.9	293.2	174.2
November	114.8	228.7	59.8	6.1	162.1	285.2	153.1
December	89.0	185.0	57.7	6.4	146.7	241.8	120.4
January	64.1	137.9	37.3	5.2	92.1	154.3	59.7
February	103.6	210.1	59.5	10.2	152.3	262.5	109.9
March	103.9	211.6	57.1	8.3	154.7	245.2	110.6
April	119.5	232.5	59.4	8.9	161.9	235.3	119.8
May	115.8	241.7	61.1	8.5	146.5	234.4	129.2
June	122.6	237.3	66.4	9.5	150.6	236.6	134.1
1959-60 p—							
July	146.1	249.4	64.7	11.8	179.6	273.1	184.8
August	130.1	245.9	63.3	11.6	147.4	249.3	168.6
September	159.5	253.1	76.2	13.2	r178.8	286.7	r191.7
October	162.6	253.4	73.1	11.9	r153.9	279.8	192.8
November	151.8	239.7	65.9	16.5	166.0	320.2	180.4

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal)	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total. Meat.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58p	115.1	42.9	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	64.7	21.8	12.5	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59p	113.3	43.4	114.1	15,901	3,591	6,300	75.8	25.7	15.2	8.6	125.2	19,037
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—	p	p										p
Oct. ..	130.2	45.5	146.0	21,219	5,316	10,528	65.7	25.1	19.2	9.4	119.4	22,230
Nov. ..	130.6	45.4	153.3	22,988	4,931	10,709	53.3	25.3	20.3	8.5	107.4	23,145
Dec. ..	113.2	41.2	139.6	20,728	3,992	9,687	50.8	26.2	17.2	9.1	103.3	25,095
Jan. ..	105.4	39.1	120.5	17,407	3,033	7,991	55.0	26.7	12.2	8.1	102.0	21,172
Feb. ..	94.2	43.4	105.2	14,940	2,290	6,371	51.4	26.5	10.6	7.9	96.4	18,574
Mar. ..	93.9	49.1	104.3	14,624	2,074	5,742	59.1	23.1	10.5	9.3	102.0	20,065
Apr. ..	84.9	40.0	81.9	10,519	1,610	4,260	63.9	21.4	10.3	9.4	105.0	18,008
May ..	101.0	44.9	69.3	7,859	1,555	3,512	81.6	21.6	10.6	9.3	123.1	17,701
June ..	96.5	40.0	64.4	6,876	1,694	3,380	86.1	18.5	10.7	7.9	123.2	15,495
1958-59p												
July ..	108.8	41.6	71.8	7,934	2,223	3,672	87.7	22.0	13.0	8.7	131.4	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.6	11,409	3,244	5,304	75.7	20.5	11.8	8.2	116.2	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.5	17,529	4,474	7,692	75.8	22.1	14.0	8.7	120.6	18,992
Oct. ..	112.1	45.1	156.5	23,277	5,687	9,821	79.8	27.5	23.1	9.6	140.0	21,700
Nov. ..	116.9	47.3	154.4	22,846	5,520	9,979	74.2	26.5	25.9	8.9	135.5	22,187
Dec. ..	104.7	40.5	160.4	24,507	5,011	9,965	71.0	29.6	21.4	8.9	130.9	25,037
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.2	22,502	4,504	8,042	60.7	28.4	13.3	7.7	110.1	19,762
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	117.4	17,040	3,261	5,812	67.2	30.0	11.9	8.5	117.6	18,571
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,614	2,915	5,521	70.3	27.6	11.7	9.0	118.6	19,171
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,965	2,342	4,085	77.6	24.9	11.9	9.2	123.6	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,835	2,000	3,153	83.7	24.8	11.8	8.2	128.5	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,351	1,915	2,551	85.4	25.0	12.2	7.3	129.9	15,216
1959-60p												
July ..	132.4	42.0	73.8	8,281	2,300	3,432	92.9	25.9	13.9	8.0	140.7	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.5	97.6	12,508	3,373	5,684	72.0	22.8	12.8	7.6	115.2	17,187
Sept. ..	125.6	40.9	131.4	18,634	4,752	8,546	67.9	27.8	17.8	8.3	121.8	20,753
Oct. ..	133.8	55.8	164.9	24,689	6,003	10,797	62.8	34.5	22.4	9.3	129.0	21,498

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
		Sulphuric Acid (100 %).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.				
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1952-53	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133		1,745	141
1953-54	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303
1956-57	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287
1957-58	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129		2,370	317
1958-59 p.. ..	(b)4,306	81.8	177.0	950	133	(c)9,839		2,344	326
Monthly Total—									
1957-58 p—	(b)								
November	4,472	81.5	172.4	1,093	140	8,727		2,583	293
December	4,567	77.1	163.0	912	109	6,107		1,935	234
January	4,283	78.5	182.7	783	114	6,344		1,891	232
February	4,162	82.3	194.0	960	127	8,604		2,676	306
March	4,248	87.3	195.3	953	148	8,809		2,632	330
April	4,126	90.2	221.9	844	132	8,036		2,318	306
May	4,328	96.5	201.6	933	154	8,973		2,759	358
June	3,982	83.0	192.3	817	116	8,543		2,562	314
1958-59 p—						(c)			
July	4,219	79.6	167.2	888	135	11,212		2,769	379
August	4,175	94.7	197.9	942	137	9,951		2,371	342
September	4,397	81.1	167.7	1,085	131	10,484		2,268	355
October	4,441	75.6	171.6	1,119	152	10,719		2,413	367
November	4,332	80.5	165.7	1,080	138	9,723		2,134	318
December	5,039	66.6	136.5	1,023	122	8,613		1,856	294
January	3,961	79.3	168.3	705	94	7,095		1,403	203
February	4,212	77.9	164.4	979	138	10,231		2,165	322
March	3,903	92.6	200.7	907	132	9,170		2,304	285
April	4,632	89.4	221.5	954	148	10,682		2,930	361
May	4,206	89.3	176.9	925	136	10,036		3,042	351
June	4,151	75.0	185.5	795	134	10,148		2,467	339
1959-60 p—									
July	4,478	73.2	157.4	1,008	156	12,030		2,549	386
August	4,296	82.9	175.3	947	144	11,597		2,414	352
September	4,347	81.7	188.2	1,052	155	13,585		2,705	369
October	4,700	85.0	183.1	1,062	167	13,248		2,723	378
November	4,628	73.1	140.7	1,087	163	13,483		2,521	350

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.
July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a) (c)
1952	101	94	r97	99	91	91	82	91	94	r98	r95	93
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	r108	93
1955	116	110	r112	120	r128	120	117	118	116	111	113	104
1956	r123	120	r115	133	r138	128	144	123	122	r114	r114	107
1957	123	120	r121	r144	147	136	167	126	128	118	115	107
1958	115	118	r121	r150	r151	143	169	126	124	118	114	100
1957—												
April	131	121	127	146	149	137	169	125	118	126	111	108
May	132	122	127	151	152	141	176	136	127	126	120	107
June	121	126	125	150	148	134	172	125	132	125	117	108
July	91	120	83	134	140	145	174	128	89	63	107	101
August	117	121	123	100	138	114	165	122	126	116	99	108
September ..	126	123	127	148	151	141	166	124	137	125	119	109
October	126	121	124	150	154	144	165	133	135	125	120	109
November ..	125	121	123	158	162	138	164	128	136	125	123	106
December ..	121	111	116	162	151	137	167	116	121	125	113	100
1958—			r									
January	119	111	121	158	144	142	154	122	122	122	114	99
February	121	116	125	162	145	131	167	113	136	124	119	98
March	119	116	126	160	146	143	179	124	135	125	122	96
April	117	115	124	164	153	138	163	124	115	127	111	95
May	115	120	122	166	151	146	163	128	117	125	114	95
June	113	123	125	161	153	141	162	130	135	125	115	99
July	100	116	82	r148	145	152	165	126	84	61	105	94
August	107	117	122	r100	142	116	r163	121	122	117	r97	101
September ..	118	121	130	r148	155	152	r168	131	133	122	115	104
October	119	121	131	r154	161	157	r173	142	135	r124	118	107
November ..	116	124	131	161	168	146	r172	128	138	129	122	107
December ..	116	116	122	157	155	147	r183	126	122	r122	115	104
1959—												
January	114	118	124	154	143	146	r171	125	123	121	115	106
February	113	124	129	159	149	145	r190	121	138	123	118	110
March	118	124	127	156	156	154	r204	133	120	127	117	111
April	120	r126	130	163	160	158	195	139	136	127	122	113
May	120	128	132	169	163	154	201	136	122	124	119	114
June	121	133	136	167	163	154	208	145	141	128	r124	116
July	105	r124	91	150	r153	162	209	139	91	66	r110	107
August		125	135	107	154	129		128	127	120	r104	110
September ..				158	166			148	142		125	r113
October												114

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page I.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc. (a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1949-50(b) ..	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b) ..	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) ..	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) ..	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 ..	1,200	607	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 ..	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 ..	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 ..	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58 ..	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958-59 ..	1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
				Monthly Totals.		
1957-58—				(d)	(d)	(d)
October ..	1,602	716	118	15,321	6,115	884
November ..	1,605	717	118	14,645	5,725	892
December ..	1,625	723	118	14,813	5,379	952
January ..	1,628	722	118	11,145	4,630	1,283
February ..	1,637	725	118	13,926	5,529	989
March ..	1,646	728	118	13,678	6,140	1,035
April ..	1,664	733	118	15,410	6,214	861
May ..	1,671	734	117	15,237	6,003	781
June ..	1,676	735	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July ..	1,688	736	116	13,906	6,106	652
August ..	1,694	738	115	13,561	5,505	770
September ..	1,703	740	115	14,741	5,929	911
October ..	1,720	744	115	16,084	6,453	888
November ..	1,728	748	115	14,817	6,154	856
December ..	1,739	752	115	15,930	6,576	1,007
January ..	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February ..	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March ..	1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April ..	1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May ..	1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June ..	1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959-60—						
July ..	1,792	768	110	15,721	7,470	725
August ..	1,804	771	109	15,634	6,889	706
September ..	1,814	775	108	17,261	7,252	827
October ..	1,826	779	108	19,132	7,587	815

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1949-50	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	—205
1950-51	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	—594
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	—721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	—659
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	—376
1957-58	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	—493
1958-59	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430	146
Monthly Total—(c)						
1957-58—						
September	7,613	3,959	578.8	43,923	15,810	285
October	8,005	4,244	620.0	40,400	16,484	580
November	7,613	3,890	585.9	39,718	15,176	—1,007
December	7,285	3,231	498.8	40,081	13,887	—1,118
January	7,262	3,186	494.3	38,577	13,676	—808
February	6,852	3,456	525.9	40,325	13,364	—881
March	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026	113
April	7,292	3,541	543.4	39,705	14,163	—342
May	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227	—1,009
June	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856	1,505
1958-59—						
July	7,835	4,187	603.2	41,206	15,271	252
August	7,689	3,901	579.0	40,225	15,233	81
September	7,642	4,045	593.3	43,480	15,914	813
October	7,976	4,261	620.2	39,444	16,422	833
November	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087	—731
December	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436	81
January	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609	269
February	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494
March	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411	821
April	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354	1,426
May	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520	—900
June.. ..	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204	—1,689
1959-60—						
July	8,037	4,452	660.7	40,381	16,317	976
August	7,842	4,312	633.8	42,682	16,259	868
September	7,911	4,529	677.6	40,610	16,989	1,638

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.
(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49.. ..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50.. ..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51.. ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52.. ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53.. ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54.. ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55.. ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56.. ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57.. ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58.. ..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59.. ..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
October ..	711	1,020	385	137	85	376	148	40	1,171
November ..	657	985	327	124	59	376	112	37	1,035
December ..	613	1,008	329	88	52	364	185	49	1,067
January ..	606	1,247	309	109	42	358	186	49	1,053
February ..	488	1,139	280	111	48	334	139	34	946
March ..	515	1,280	285	134	51	380	189	43	1,082
April ..	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May ..	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June ..	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
1958-59—									
July ..	659	1,263	391	109	66	376	128	86	1,156
August ..	680	1,108	335	91	73	381	121	58	1,059
September ..	652	1,046	325	134	63	294	127	51	994
October ..	653	1,301	356	63	70	359	114	52	1,014
November ..	632	1,123	329	76	74	386	148	38	1,051
December ..	760	1,347	269	103	39	353	146	49	959
January ..	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February ..	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March ..	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April ..	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May ..	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June ..	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959-60—									
July ..	766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August ..	758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September ..	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October p ..	807	1,347	385	120	55	362	160	56	1,138

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49.. ..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50.. ..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51.. ..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52.. ..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53.. ..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54.. ..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55.. ..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56.. ..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57.. ..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58.. ..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958-59.. ..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
October	97	272	21	32	5	8	7	32	105
November	134	234	15	41	7	15	9	26	113
December	111	237	56	29	5	4	3	13	110
January	80	261	17	26	4	19	6	10	82
February	71	215	16	25	4	7	12	29	93
March	121	254	17	34	8	6	10	16	91
April	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59—									
July	140	196	22	30	5	5	3	15	80
August	102	282	19	29	4	8	4	18	82
September	123	221	17	18	5	5	9	23	77
October	111	230	19	45	5	6	4	22	101
November	111	218	33	41	4	6	3	20	107
December	103	224	14	28	4	5	3	19	73
January	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959-60—									
July	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August	107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October p	121	261	21	52	4	8	5	35	126

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.C.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.	'000.
1948-49	2,776	14	(b) 1,763	..	..	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	14	(b) 1,841	..	..	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	14	(b) 1,885	..	..	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	22	1,961	..	..	927	1,301
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	1,384
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	2,056
1957-58—	Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		Monthly Total.			
November	7,510	27	2,140	18	151	1,311	1,863
December	8,623	10	2,142	16	167	1,319	1,874
January	8,469	11	2,141	15	178	1,325	1,883
February	7,565	13	2,145	22	200	1,331	1,892
March	8,154	12	2,135	20	220	1,337	1,901
April	7,906	12	2,135	19	239	1,343	1,910
May	8,482	15	2,138	24	262	1,351	1,922
June	9,046	15	2,138	31	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—							
July	8,449	22	2,147	36	328	1,369	1,948
August	7,661	16	2,146	31	358	1,376	1,958
September	8,512	28	2,172	32	390	1,383	1,968
October	9,299	31	2,201	26	415	1,391	1,979
November	7,784	22	2,195	21	433	1,398	1,989
December	9,714	16	2,210	18	455	1,404	1,999
January	7,872	13	2,210	17	468	1,410	2,006
February	7,823	19	2,211	19	484	1,416	2,017
March	8,450	27	2,235	23	506	1,422	2,026
April	9,700	25	2,266	25	530	1,428	2,036
May	8,432	17	2,257	26	555	1,436	2,047
June	9,768	16	2,264	24	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60—							
July	9,517	16	2,266	28	599	1,453	2,071
August	8,100	13	2,265	30	627	1,461	2,084
September	9,110	13	2,258	32	654	1,468	2,095
October	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475	2,105
November	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481	2,112

(a) Actual collections.
on 31st December, 1951.

(b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished
(c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1952-53.. ..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54.. ..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55.. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56.. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57.. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1957-58.. ..	45.6	343.9	389.5	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6
1958-59.. ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1
1957-58 —								
November ..	44.7	345.2	389.9	340.3	23.6	216.4	466.4	499.7
December(b) ..	52.9	351.6	404.5	340.3	24.3	213.8	470.9	508.9
January ..	50.4	346.9	397.3	340.3	28.5	216.7	470.6	496.4
February ..	45.0	340.8	385.8	340.3	24.0	223.2	464.4	479.0
March ..	45.2	342.5	387.7	325.3	23.6	226.0	459.3	468.0
April ..	47.1	347.5	394.6	313.2	14.7	229.1	437.7	477.6
May ..	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8
June ..	45.3	342.6	387.9	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6
1958-59—								
July ..	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0
August ..	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3
September ..	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3
October ..	45.3	348.8	394.1	265.1	29.0	223.4	392.2	521.5
November ..	46.4	349.3	395.7	265.1	22.3	229.5	396.6	516.9
December (b) ..	54.8	367.0	421.8	265.1	22.3	228.8	405.1	525.6
January ..	52.1	349.3	401.4	265.1	28.5	225.5	407.3	497.6
February ..	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8
March ..	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7
April ..	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5
May ..	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6	438.8	404.9
June ..	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5	431.6	422.8
1959-60—								
July ..	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3	421.2	439.6
August ..	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8	417.2	461.9
September ..	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7	242.8	420.4	480.3
October ..	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6	429.4	478.4
November ..	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3	437.3	499.1

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),

and

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)

(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)								Commonwealth Bank—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (b)	Advances.	Rural Credits Department.	Mortgage Bank Department.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average Weekly Figures—												
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	b 17.2	c 25.8	21.7	c 59.5	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1953-54 ..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5	16.6	4.7
1954-55 ..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8	17.0	6.7
1955-56 ..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1	16.6	9.0
1956-57 ..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1	16.5	9.4
1957-58 ..	54.9	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	40.2	107.8	33.7	5.5	16.0	9.4
1958-59 ..	67.7	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	36.5	122.5	46.7	6.0	17.4	9.1
1957-58—												
November ..	53.8	155.9	209.7	11.4	6.7	51.7	39.2	105.4	20.4	5.5	16.1	9.7
December(d) ..	55.2	159.8	215.0	9.9	3.5	54.0	43.6	104.6	18.3	5.5	16.2	9.8
January ..	55.1	148.8	203.9	11.0	2.5	46.4	43.6	107.1	29.9	5.5	16.2	9.4
February ..	55.6	148.6	204.2	10.9	2.8	44.8	43.6	107.5	45.5	5.6	16.0	9.2
March ..	57.6	151.3	208.9	11.8	8.2	45.3	40.5	108.1	48.0	5.6	16.0	9.1
April ..	58.6	152.4	211.0	10.4	6.8	46.8	39.7	110.6	46.3	5.6	16.0	8.9
May ..	59.1	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	38.4	113.4	38.2	5.7	16.1	9.0
June ..	63.3	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	37.9	113.9	37.9	5.7	16.3	9.1
1958-59—												
July ..	65.6	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	37.4	119.2	30.2	5.8	16.4	9.1
August ..	65.9	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	37.1	121.2	22.3	5.8	16.5	9.2
September ..	67.5	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	37.1	119.0	14.9	5.9	16.7	9.1
October ..	68.1	159.1	227.2	11.0	5.9	58.6	37.1	121.2	12.6	5.9	17.1	9.0
November ..	67.9	164.1	232.0	11.8	7.1	60.3	38.1	122.3	11.9	5.9	17.7	9.1
December(d) ..	66.4	166.3	232.7	11.9	3.8	60.6	38.2	124.0	12.1	5.9	18.4	9.0
January ..	66.8	154.4	221.2	12.2	2.5	50.2	38.4	125.6	29.1	6.0	18.2	8.9
February ..	67.5	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	36.3	123.9	72.9	6.0	17.9	8.9
March ..	68.1	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	34.1	121.3	98.3	6.0	17.5	9.0
April ..	67.9	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	34.3	112.9	96.7	6.1	17.5	9.0
May ..	67.9	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	34.7	125.3	85.2	6.1	17.5	9.6
June ..	73.2	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	35.2	125.1	74.6	5.9	17.4	9.7
1959-60—												
July ..	73.2	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	36.1	130.7	67.3	6.1	17.4	9.6
August ..	72.8	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	36.1	130.5	58.1	6.2	17.4	9.8
September ..	73.6	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	36.6	129.1	48.3	6.3	17.4	9.8
October ..	74.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	36.9	130.7	40.5	6.3	17.6	10.0
November ..	74.5	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	39.1	131.6	34.1	6.4	18.1	10.0

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills.

(c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division, over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	..	262.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	..	274.4
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	..	288.1
1952-53.. ..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7	638.1
1953-54.. ..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2	658.5
1954-55(c) ..	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1	776.8
1955-56.. ..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8	804.4
1956-57.. ..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1	762.6
1957-58.. ..	345.4	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	287.4	774.3
1958-59.. ..	368.4	1,007.4	1,375.8	58.2	37.9	193.3	222.8	807.2
1957-58—								
November ..	344.2	1,062.4	1,406.6	56.9	37.8	174.6	300.4	772.0
December(d) ..	346.0	1,085.7	1,431.7	66.4	46.2	180.5	296.0	766.3
January ..	352.4	1,093.3	1,445.7	69.2	69.5	196.1	296.0	753.4
February ..	352.4	1,091.2	1,443.6	58.9	77.1	201.9	296.0	749.6
March ..	356.4	1,093.2	1,449.6	56.9	86.1	204.4	284.0	754.6
April ..	353.3	1,061.1	1,414.4	53.2	33.5	196.3	272.9	792.2
May ..	350.2	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	254.9	819.5
June ..	352.8	990.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	244.2	831.7
1958-59—								
July ..	363.5	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	233.2	844.9
August ..	366.2	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	227.5	838.8
September ..	361.7	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	227.5	829.8
October ..	365.9	986.8	1,352.7	60.5	30.7	155.2	227.5	830.9
November ..	367.3	1,004.9	1,372.2	57.6	38.9	173.4	226.5	824.6
December (d) ..	367.9	1,025.5	1,393.4	64.8	40.9	191.3	226.3	808.2
January ..	372.0	1,030.0	1,402.0	66.3	57.9	212.9	226.2	794.8
February ..	371.7	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	217.0	775.3
March ..	371.6	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	215.5	764.3
April ..	374.6	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.0	46.6	239.0	215.3	782.2
May ..	369.5	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	214.9	790.1
June ..	370.7	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	214.4	791.1
1959-60—								
July ..	378.7	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	213.4	805.4
August ..	385.3	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	213.4	803.1
September ..	388.0	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	213.0	800.6
October ..	391.8	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	212.6	814.6
November ..	391.6	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	225.5	817.2

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1952-53	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9	81.2
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55(c)	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1958-59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1957-58—								
November	4.0	6.7	19.1	21.4	54.9	75.5
December(d)	4.6	7.9	20.5	20.7	53.5	75.8
January	4.8	9.6	23.2	20.5	52.1	75.6
February	4.1	9.4	23.4	20.5	51.9	75.6
March	3.9	9.8	24.0	19.6	52.1	75.4
April	3.7	6.1	20.0	19.3	56.0	75.0
May	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5	74.1
June	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9	73.7
1958-59—								
July	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5	72.7
August	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5	72.3
September	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7	72.7
October	4.5	6.8	18.2	16.8	61.4	73.0
November	4.2	7.0	19.7	16.5	60.1	73.2
December(d)	4.6	7.6	21.3	16.2	58.0	73.6
January	4.7	8.8	24.0	16.1	56.7	73.5
February	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6	73.8
March	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4	74.1
April	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6
May	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3	73.2
June..	3.8	4.9	20.7	15.5	57.6	73.1
1959-60—								
July	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5	72.5
August	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4	72.0
September	4.1	6.1	22.3	15.2	57.0	72.4
October	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9	72.6
November	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1	73.1

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1952-53.. ..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5	697.6
1953-54.. ..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0	727.7
1954-55(c) ..	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2	865.9
1955-56.. ..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0	908.3
1956-57.. ..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7	869.1
1957-58.. ..	400.3	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	327.6	882.1
1958-59.. ..	436.2	1,166.4	1,602.6	69.5	42.1	250.0	259.3	929.7
1957-58—								
November ..	398.0	1,218.3	1,616.3	68.3	44.5	226.3	339.6	877.4
December(d) ..	401.2	1,245.5	1,646.7	76.2	49.7	234.5	339.6	870.9
January ..	407.5	1,242.1	1,649.6	80.2	72.0	242.5	339.6	860.5
February ..	408.0	1,239.8	1,647.8	69.8	79.9	246.7	339.6	857.1
March ..	413.9	1,244.6	1,658.5	68.7	94.4	249.7	324.6	862.7
April ..	411.9	1,213.5	1,625.4	63.6	40.3	243.1	312.6	902.8
May ..	409.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	293.3	932.9
June ..	416.1	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	282.1	945.6
1958-59—								
July ..	429.1	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	270.6	964.1
August ..	432.1	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	264.6	960.0
September ..	429.2	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	264.6	948.8
October ..	434.0	1,145.9	1,579.9	71.5	36.6	213.8	264.6	952.1
November ..	435.2	1,169.0	1,604.2	69.4	46.0	233.7	264.6	946.9
December(d) ..	434.2	1,191.8	1,626.0	76.6	44.7	251.9	264.6	932.2
January ..	438.8	1,184.4	1,623.2	78.6	60.4	263.1	264.6	920.4
February ..	439.2	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	253.3	899.2
March ..	439.7	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	249.6	885.6
April ..	442.5	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	249.6	905.1
May ..	437.4	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	249.6	915.4
June ..	443.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	249.5	916.3
1959-60—								
July ..	451.9	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	249.5	936.1
August ..	458.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	249.5	933.6
September ..	461.5	1,185.4	1,646.9	71.1	31.0	292.8	249.5	929.6
October ..	466.1	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	249.5	945.2
November ..	466.1	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	264.6	948.7

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1952-53	..	..	6.5	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4	81.2
1953-54	..	..	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8	80.8
1954-55(c)	..	..	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	..	..	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	..	..	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	..	..	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958-59	..	..	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1957-58—								
November	..	..	4.2	7.0	21.0	21.0	54.3	75.4
December(d)	..	..	4.6	7.6	21.9	20.6	52.9	75.6
January	..	..	4.8	9.2	23.9	20.6	52.2	75.3
February	..	..	4.2	9.1	24.1	20.6	52.0	75.2
March	..	..	4.1	9.8	24.9	19.6	52.0	75.0
April	..	..	3.9	6.4	21.4	19.2	55.5	74.7
May..	..	..	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6	73.8
June..	..	..	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7	73.3
1958-59—								
July..	..	..	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3	72.3
August	..	..	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4	71.9
September	..	..	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4	72.2
October	..	..	4.5	6.8	20.4	16.7	60.3	72.5
November	..	..	4.3	7.2	21.8	16.5	59.0	72.9
December(d)	..	..	4.7	7.5	23.0	16.3	57.3	73.3
January	..	..	4.9	8.5	24.8	16.5	56.7	73.0
February	..	..	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7	73.3
March	..	..	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3	73.5
April	..	..	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1
May..	..	..	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8	72.9
June..	..	..	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8	72.5
1959-60—								
July	..	..	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1	72.0
August	..	..	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9	71.6
September	..	..	4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5	72.0
October	..	..	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4	72.2
November	..	..	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5	72.8

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	Funds with Authorized Dealers (Short-term Money Market.)	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.				
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1952-53	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3	..	
1953-54	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7	..	
1954-55	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1	..	
1955-56	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1	..	
1956-57	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8	..	
1957-58	420.6	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	328.3	963.3	..	
1958-59	460.9	1,206.6	1,667.5	73.1	42.9	264.4	259.9	1,015.5	..	
1957-58—										
November	417.7	1,260.6	1,678.3	72.6	49.8	240.7	340.3	957.7	..	
December(d) ..	421.1	1,288.5	1,709.6	80.6	55.3	249.0	340.3	952.0	..	
January	427.9	1,287.7	1,715.6	84.5	77.3	257.3	340.3	941.9	..	
February	428.4	1,284.9	1,713.3	73.7	86.0	261.7	340.3	939.0	..	
March	433.9	1,289.3	1,723.2	72.3	99.1	264.7	325.3	945.4	..	
April	432.9	1,256.4	1,689.3	67.1	43.0	258.1	313.3	986.0	..	
May	431.8	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	294.0	1,017.1	..	
June	439.1	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	282.7	1,030.1	..	
1958-59—										
July	454.1	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	271.2	1,048.8	..	
August	457.0	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	265.2	1,044.2	..	
September	453.7	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	265.2	1,033.7	..	
October	458.9	1,182.3	1,641.2	75.3	37.1	227.2	265.2	1,037.0	..	
November	460.2	1,206.5	1,666.7	73.3	46.5	247.2	265.2	1,032.9	..	
December(d) ..	458.9	1,229.8	1,688.7	81.1	45.2	265.2	265.2	1,018.8	..	
January	463.1	1,224.5	1,687.6	82.9	61.2	277.2	265.2	1,007.0	..	
February	463.4	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	253.9	984.9	..	
March	464.0	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	250.2	971.6	21.0	
April	467.3	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	250.2	991.5	28.1	
May	462.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	250.2	1,002.3	33.2	
June	469.0	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	250.2	1,003.5	28.3	
1959-60—										
July	479.3	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	250.2	1,023.3	29.1	
August	486.4	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	250.2	1,019.9	29.9	
September	490.0	1,226.7	1,716.7	74.1	31.5	308.4	250.2	1,016.9	31.8	
October	494.1	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	250.2	1,033.1	34.3	
November	494.2	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	265.2	1,036.5	32.9	

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1952-53.. ..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54.. ..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b) ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56.. ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57.. ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1957-58.. ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	1.5	592.0
1958-59.. ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	2.0	636.6
1957-58—								
November ..	237.9	212.5	66.4	45.6	31.9	12.6	1.4	608.3
December ..	253.9	242.8	72.5	48.8	32.7	15.3	1.5	667.5
January ..	200.6	173.5	57.1	39.1	30.7	10.5	1.2	512.7
February ..	232.6	201.9	61.7	45.9	31.2	12.8	1.5	587.6
March ..	239.8	212.5	64.2	45.6	31.2	14.5	1.6	609.4
April ..	234.2	216.5	66.8	46.1	29.8	13.9	2.1	609.4
May ..	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	1.7	608.2
June ..	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	1.8	603.0
1958-59—								
July ..	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	2.3	622.7
August ..	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	1.6	558.2
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	1.9	597.7
October ..	252.3	224.4	72.5	45.1	30.4	13.3	1.8	639.8
November ..	254.3	225.6	73.1	45.9	29.7	14.0	1.8	644.4
December ..	274.5	253.4	77.0	51.2	33.1	15.5	2.0	706.7
January ..	205.7	176.8	58.8	39.1	31.9	10.4	1.7	524.4
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	2.0	672.2
March ..	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	1.8	663.7
April ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	2.2	639.0
May ..	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	1.9	678.3
June ..	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	2.7	676.8
1959-60—								
July ..	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	2.5	704.5
August ..	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	2.4	646.8
September ..	283.1	247.6	79.7	51.3	33.5	14.7	2.3	712.2
October ..	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	2.3	735.5
November ..	286.8	262.3	78.4	53.1	34.6	15.2	2.3	732.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58 ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1958-59 ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
1957-58—									
November	436.2	423.2	152.0	146.2	65.1	39.8	2.1	3.6	1,268.2
December	437.1	423.0	151.4	145.7	64.9	39.6	2.0	3.6	1,267.3
January	439.0	423.3	150.6	146.4	64.8	39.7	2.0	3.7	1,269.5
February	439.7	423.2	150.0	146.3	64.6	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.4
March ..	439.1	422.7	149.4	145.9	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.8	1,267.3
April ..	440.4	423.5	149.8	145.7	64.8	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.8
May ..	440.7	425.4	150.0	145.0	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.7	1,271.2
June ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	a 1,296.8
1958-59—									
July ..	451.9	434.9	155.1	149.6	66.4	40.7	2.2	4.0	1,304.8
August ..	454.1	437.1	156.2	149.4	66.5	41.3	2.2	4.0	1,310.8
September	457.7	439.1	158.2	149.8	67.7	41.5	2.2	4.0	1,320.2
October	459.3	440.8	159.4	150.0	67.9	41.3	2.2	4.1	1,325.0
November	462.7	443.0	160.6	150.6	68.3	41.4	2.3	4.1	1,333.0
December	465.7	443.9	161.3	150.6	68.2	41.3	2.2	4.2	1,337.4
January	468.1	443.6	160.1	150.8	68.2	41.4	2.1	4.3	1,338.6
February	471.3	444.5	160.3	151.8	68.5	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,344.6
March ..	473.0	445.8	160.6	152.6	69.1	41.8	2.1	4.3	1,349.3
April ..	474.3	444.9	161.2	152.4	69.2	41.8	2.1	4.5	1,350.4
May ..	476.9	447.6	162.2	152.4	69.6	41.8	2.2	4.5	1,357.2
June ..	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	a 1,391.3
1959-60—									
July ..	493.3	461.4	168.7	158.1	72.3	43.1	2.3	4.7	1,403.9
August ..	498.3	467.3	171.0	158.9	73.1	43.8	2.4	4.8	1,419.6
September	505.3	473.9	173.8	160.3	74.6	44.1	2.5	4.8	1,439.3
October	510.7	478.1	175.8	161.9	75.4	44.3	2.5	4.9	1,453.6
November	513.6	480.6	176.3	162.9	75.7	44.6	2.5	5.0	1,461.2

(a) Interest added 1957-58, £31.2m.; 1958-59, £35.4m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted.(e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	Number.	Sum Assured £'000.					
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958-59.. ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,005	1,268	2,255	629	6,103
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
October	26,766	35,428	17,797	2,865	7,154	1,351	2,725	937	5,700
November	25,551	42,139	17,193	2,783	6,458	1,347	2,732	994	4,969
December	29,968	60,479	14,981	2,696	7,654	1,447	3,119	764	6,507
January	12,327	15,160	5,094	767	6,094	793	2,161	689	3,258
February	19,583	27,499	14,930	2,332	6,161	1,238	2,562	869	4,076
March	25,173	34,355	17,866	2,893	7,480	1,332	2,941	957	4,937
April	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,361	1,197	2,592	777	5,687
May	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379
June	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,169	1,363	3,036	869	4,862
1958-59—									
July	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,867	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777
August	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,199	1,209	3,001	959	5,107
September	33,880	52,418	24,392	3,942	8,173	1,374	3,207	866	6,577
October	25,273	40,393	15,395	2,567	7,465	1,303	2,924	833	7,093
November	24,970	38,410	16,155	2,744	6,880	1,573	2,808	846	6,033
December	28,549	76,987	11,463	2,243	8,582	1,276	3,447	767	8,036
January	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,521	754	2,312	613	3,876
February	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495
March	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,956	1,321	2,928	911	6,389
April	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,610	1,287	3,062	861	6,680
May	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,483	1,177	3,129	928	7,304
June	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,459	1,363	3,552	939	5,875
1959-60—									
July	30,922	55,025	16,544	2,782	9,396	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396
August	31,817	51,570	19,612	3,364	8,100	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525
September	41,931	64,134	19,720	3,306	9,112	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984
October	28,481	50,261	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York.(b)	Australia on New York.(c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	(i) 4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59 ..	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1957-58—								(i) (j)
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.479	4.43	5.00	6.9
December ..	125.25	2.802	2.233	15.625	12.469	4.41	5.00	6.9
January ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.445	4.40	5.01	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.458	4.38	5.01	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.464	4.30	4.98	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.816	2.242	15.625	12.461	4.30	4.96	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	4.25	4.98	7.0
November ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.510	4.24	4.96	7.0
December ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.515	4.23	4.93	7.0
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.495	4.18	4.96	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—								
July ..	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2
September ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.527	3.93	4.90	7.2
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	7.3
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	7.4

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank. (a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25	(c)	2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(d)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(e)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(f)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Treasury notes which were first issued in November 1959 carry a discount rate of approximately 3 per cent. per annum. (c) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (d) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (f) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Common-wealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Common-wealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1958—59—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	31st July ..	142,000	3,000	145,000
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	31st August ..	163,000	3,000	166,000
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	30th Sept. ..	195,000	3,000	198,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st Oct. ..	228,000	3,000	231,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	30th Nov. ..	254,000	3,000	257,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	31st Dec. ..	282,000	5,000	287,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	31st Jan. ..	268,000	5,000	273,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	28th Feb. ..	229,000	5,000	234,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	31st Mar. ..	239,000	4,250	243,250
1958 ..	140,000	..	140,000	30th April ..	163,000	4,250	167,250
1959 ..	171,000	..	171,000	31st May ..	133,000	3,250	136,250
1957—58—				30th June ..	171,000	..	171,000
31st Dec. ..	251,000	8,500	259,500	1959—60—			
31st Jan. ..	249,000	8,500	257,500	31st July ..	169,000	..	169,000
28th Feb. ..	248,000	8,500	256,500	31st Aug. ..	201,000	..	201,000
31st Mar. ..	241,000	6,000	247,000	30th Sept. ..	239,000	..	239,000
30th April ..	168,000	6,000	174,000	31st Oct. ..	279,000	1,000	280,000
31st May ..	134,000	5,000	139,000	30th Nov. ..	(b) 311,109	2,000	313,109
30th June ..	140,000	..	140,000				

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills. (b) Includes Seasonal Treasury Notes, £12,109,000. For meaning of symbol ... see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

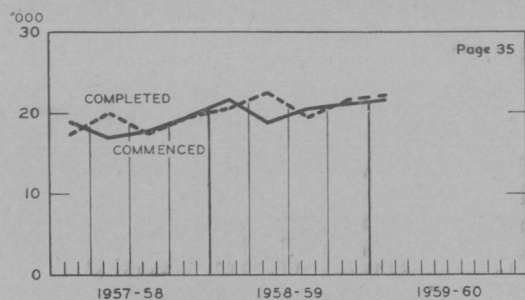
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

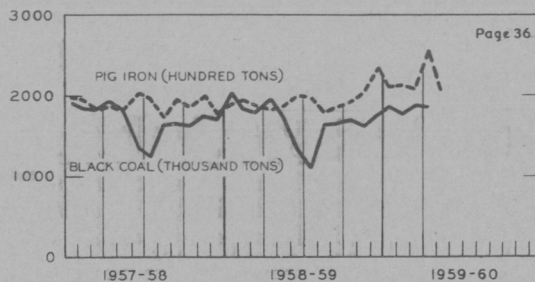
Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Commonwealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1953-54	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,685.8
1959-60 (Estimate) ..	250.6	162.0	101.9	75.3	63.3	24.1	677.2	1,391.6	1,807.4
1957-58—									
July—September..	50.4	28.0	19.7	14.5	12.3	4.2	129.1	221.3	301.8
October ..	68.8	38.3	26.9	19.4	16.7	5.4	175.5	304.5	415.3
November ..	85.9	47.7	34.0	24.7	20.8	6.7	219.8	380.9	519.8
1958-59—									
July—September..	51.8	29.5	20.3	13.9	12.7	4.7	132.9	227.7	308.6
October ..	69.8	40.3	28.0	19.3	18.4	5.9	181.7	309.0	420.1
November ..	86.7	49.8	35.1	24.5	22.6	7.2	225.9	388.4	526.2
1959-60—									
July—September..	56.7	32.1	21.6	15.6	13.9	5.1	145.0	234.7	325.4
October ..	75.9	43.6	29.7	21.0	18.7	6.4	195.3	317.7	440.7
November ..	97.6	54.6	37.4	27.4	23.6	7.8	248.4	406.8	560.0
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1953-54	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,693.1
1959-60	250.6	165.1	101.8	76.1	64.8	24.7	683.1	1,391.6	1,813.3
1957-58—									
July—September..	49.5	31.5	21.0	14.9	14.2	4.8	135.9	272.1	359.4
October ..	71.4	45.6	29.2	21.1	19.3	6.7	193.3	378.3	506.9
November ..	92.9	58.3	37.8	27.1	24.0	9.3	249.4	469.0	637.5
1958-59—									
July—September..	51.1	33.0	22.5	15.6	14.9	4.9	142.0	306.3	396.3
October ..	73.0	47.2	30.8	22.0	21.5	6.9	201.4	413.4	544.2
November ..	94.9	61.1	39.8	28.2	26.3	9.7	260.0	511.0	682.8
1959-60—									
July—September..	54.7	35.5	24.4	17.7	15.6	5.2	153.1	326.5	425.3
October ..	77.1	50.6	32.7	24.0	21.1	7.3	212.8	438.9	579.4
November ..	100.2	65.5	41.8	30.5	26.6	10.2	274.8	551.7	731.3

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

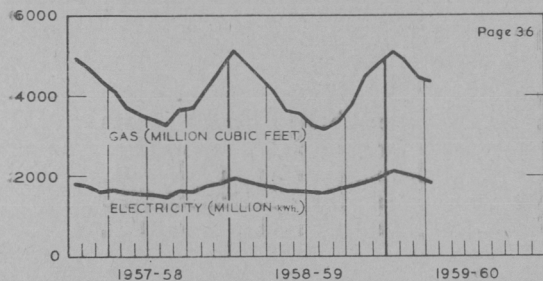
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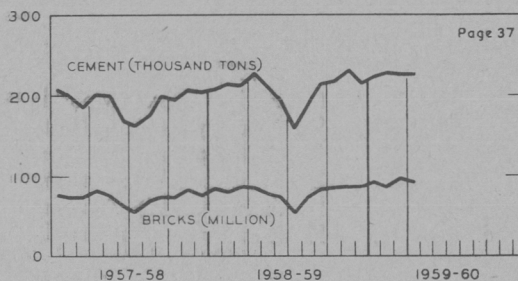
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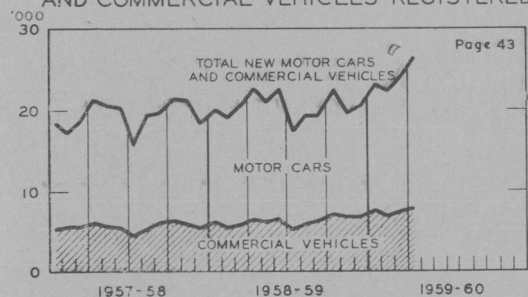
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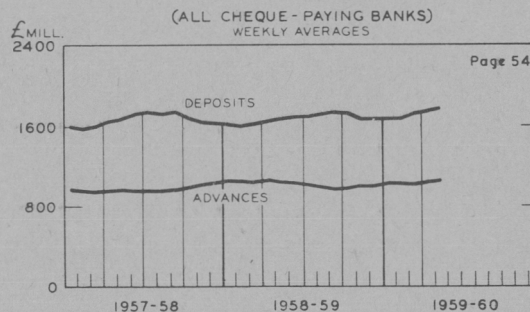
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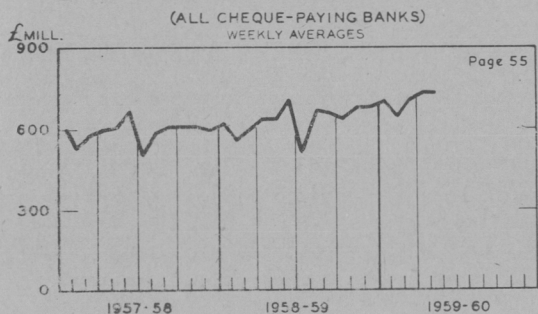
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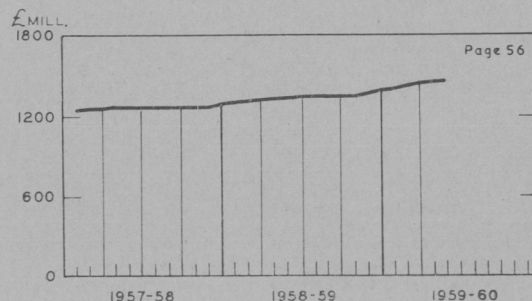
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